

If the radial width of cut ( $a_e$ ) is less than  $.5 \times D1$ , the actual chipload at the cutting edge is less than the programmed chipload.

To obtain the correct chipload at the cutting edge, follow the simple 4-step process.

**Step 1:** Determine the following values from your application:

$D1$  = end mill cutting diameter

$a_e$  = radial width of cut

$f_z$  = desired chipload per tooth at the cutting edge

**Step 2:** Determine the radial width engagement ratio:

radial width engagement ratio =  $a_e/D1$

**Step 3:** Determine the chipload factor from the table below using the radial width engagement ratio from Step 2:

**Step 4:** Calculate what the programmed chipload should be to get the desired chipload at the cutting edge:

$f_z \text{ programmed} = f_z \times \text{chipload factor}$

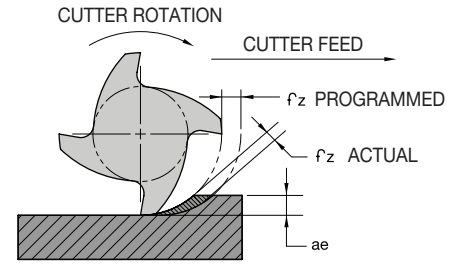
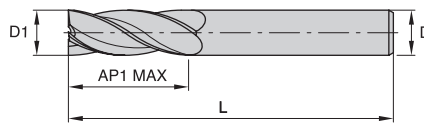
**Example: What is the programmed chipload to achieve a desired chipload of .002"/tooth using a 1/2"-diameter end mill with a radial width of cut of .05"?**

**Step 1:**  $D1 = .500"$   $a_e = .05"$   $f_z = .002"$

**Step 2:** Radial width engagement ratio =  $a_e/D1 = .05"/.500" = .1$

**Step 3:** Chipload factor for a .1 radial width engagement ratio = **1.73**

**Step 4:** The programmed chipload =  $f_z \times \text{chipload factor} = .002" \times 1.73 = .0034"$



| Radial Width Engagement Ratio = $a_e/D1$ | Chip Load Factor |
|--|------------------|
| 0.3                                      | 1.1              |
| 0.25                                     | 1.15             |
| 0.2                                      | 1.25             |
| 0.15                                     | 1.41             |
| 0.1                                      | 1.73             |
| 0.07                                     | 2.0              |
| 0.05                                     | 2.33             |
| 0.03                                     | 2.93             |
| 0.02                                     | 3.6              |
| 0.01                                     | 5.0              |

Ball Nose

Effective Cutting Diameter Calculation

When the axial depth of cut is less than half of the cutting diameter ( $a_p < .5D1$ ), the end mill diameter used to determine speed and feed rate is smaller than the cutting diameter ( $D1$ ). This smaller end mill diameter is known as the effective cutting diameter ( $D_{eff}$ ). This effective cutting diameter can be calculated using a simple 4-step process.

**Step 1:** Determine the following values from your application:

$D1$  = end mill cutting diameter

$a_p$  = axial depth of cut

**Step 2:** Determine the depth of cut ratio:

depth of cut ratio =  $a_p/D1$

**Step 3:** Determine the diameter factor from the table below using the depth of cut ratio from Step 2:

**Step 4:** Calculate the effective cutting diameter ( $D_{eff}$ ):

$D_{eff} = D1$  multiplied by the diameter factor

**Example: What is the effective cutting diameter**

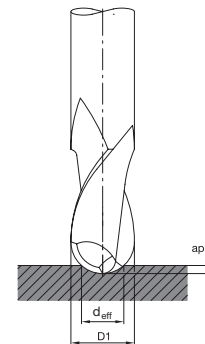
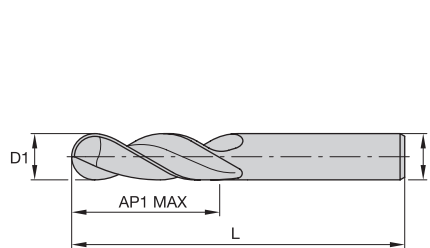
**for a 1/2"-diameter ball nose end mill running at a .05" axial depth of cut?**

**Step 1:**  $D = 1/2"$   $a_p = .05"$

**Step 2:** Depth-of-cut ratio =  $.05/.5 = .1$

**Step 3:** Diameter factor = **.6**

**Step 4:** Effective cutting diameter =  $.5 \times .6 = .3"$



| Depth of cut ratio = $a_p/D1$ | Diameter factor |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 0.40                          | 0.98            |
| 0.30                          | 0.917           |
| 0.25                          | 0.87            |
| 0.20                          | 0.8             |
| 0.15                          | 0.71            |
| 0.10                          | 0.6             |
| 0.08                          | 0.54            |
| 0.05                          | 0.44            |
| 0.04                          | 0.39            |
| 0.03                          | 0.34            |
| 0.02                          | 0.28            |
| 0.01                          | 0.19            |