

# **INSTALLATION GUIDE**

---

## **AUTOMATIC TOOL CHANGER FOR 24R**

# PURPOSE

## ? LOOKING FOR A VIDEO?

Before you begin, select the image below to watch a walk-through video of this entire installation procedure.



## PURPOSE

This document gives instructions on installing the automatic tool changer on a 24R router.

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Product:** Automatic Tool Changer for 24R

Quantity	Description
1	24R ATC Rack Assembly, ISO 20 (PN 38336)
1	24R ATC Solenoid Control Panel Assembly (PN 50660)
1	24R Filter-Regulator-Lubricator (FRL) Kit (PN 51774)
1	<u>30 mm Wrench for TTS-ER20 Nut (PN 30151)</u>
2	<u>ER20 Collet: 1/4 in. (PN 30120)</u>
2	ISO20 Tool Holder, ER20A, 30 mm (PN 50891)
1	ISO20 Tool Holder Wrench (PN 50892)
1	Lifting Dust Shoe Assembly, 80 mm, 24R ATC Compatible (PN 39088)
1	Spindle, 80 mm, 1.5 kW, ISO 20 ATC, 400 Hz, 24,000 rpm (PN 39087)



**Note:** If any items are missing, we can help. Create a support ticket with Tormach Technical Support at [tormach.com/how-to-submit-a-support-ticket](https://tormach.com/how-to-submit-a-support-ticket) for guidance on how to proceed.

## AIR REQUIREMENTS

You must verify that the site conforms to the following air supply requirements.

- **Air Pressure** Between 90 psi and 120 psi (620 kPa to 825 kPa).  
If the air supply is more than 120 psi (825 kPa), you must use a regulator.
- **Dry Air** We recommend using a compressed air dryer, desiccator, or filter between the air compressor and the machine.

# REQUIRED TOOLS

## REQUIRED TOOLS

This procedure requires the following tools. Collect them before you begin.

- An assistant to help you
- 3 mm hex wrench
- 4 mm hex wrench
- 6 mm hex wrench
- 14 mm wrench
- 16 mm wrench
- Flat-blade screwdriver, small
- Marker
- Phillips screwdriver
- Wood block

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

### Installation Procedure

Some machines require you to install additional components before beginning the installation procedure for the automatic tool changer (ATC).

1. Find your machine's serial number plate on the side of the electrical cabinet.

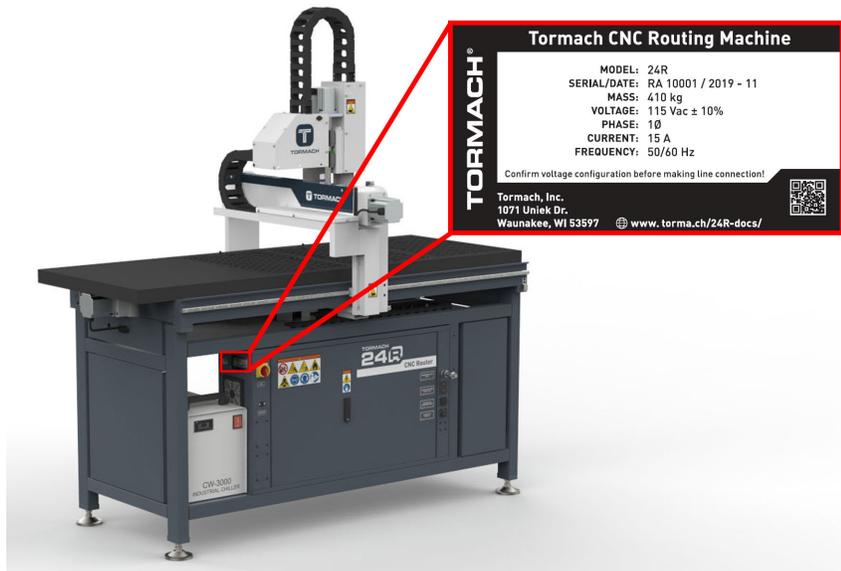


Figure 1: Serial number plate.

2. Use the following table to determine which additional components to install first, depending on your specific machine. If your machine's serial number isn't listed in the table, you're ready to start the installation procedure for the ATC.

Serial Number	Go to...
RA10001 through RA10084	Install the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 24 Vdc Power Supply for 24R Router (PN 51138)</li><li>• 24R Z-Axis Brake Retrofit Kit (PN 51136)</li></ul>
RA10085 through RA10096	Install the 24R Z-Axis Brake Retrofit Kit (PN 51136).

Go to [tormach.com/docs](http://tormach.com/docs) to find the installation instructions for these products.

### Update PathPilot

If you haven't yet done so, you must update your controller to **at least version 2.9.0** of PathPilot.

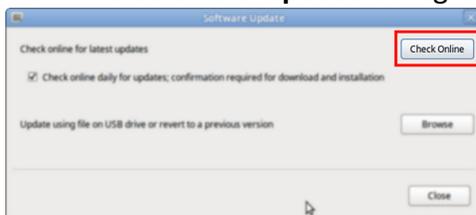
# BEFORE YOU BEGIN

1. Confirm that the PathPilot controller is powered on and out of **Reset** mode.
2. Downloading and installing an update file requires an Internet connection. From the **Status** tab, confirm that the **Internet** button LED light is on. Then, select **Update**.



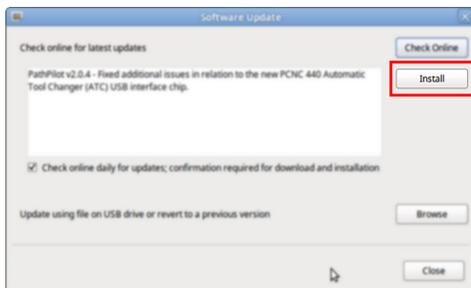
*Figure 2: Update button on the Status tab.*

3. From the **Software Update** dialog box, select **Check Online**.



*Figure 3: Software Update dialog box.*

4. Select **Install**.



*Figure 4: Install button on the Software Update dialog box.*

The update file is downloaded, and a notification dialog box displays.

5. From the dialog box, select **OK**.  
The update file is installed on the PathPilot controller.
6. Follow the on-screen instructions to restart the PathPilot controller.

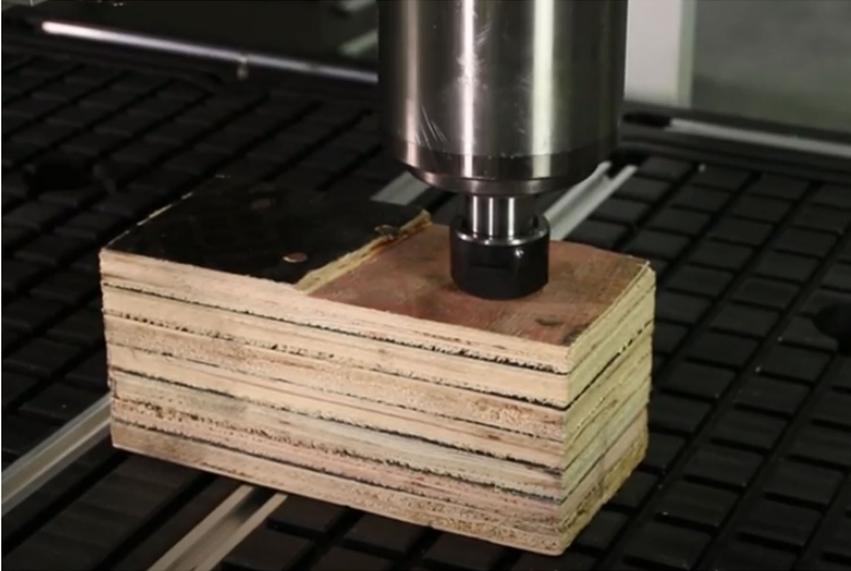
## INSTALLATION

Complete the following steps in the order listed:

<b>Remove the Existing Spindle (ER20)</b> .....	<b>7</b>
<b>Install the New Spindle (ISO20)</b> .....	<b>11</b>
<b>Rewire the ATC Cable</b> .....	<b>16</b>
<b>Install the Solenoid Tray</b> .....	<b>20</b>
<b>Connect the Filter-Regulator-Lubricator (FRL) to the Rear of the Machine</b> .....	<b>22</b>
<b>Connect the Air Lines to the Spindle</b> .....	<b>25</b>
<b>Install the Power Drawbar Button</b> .....	<b>27</b>
<b>Install the Lifting Dust Shoe</b> .....	<b>28</b>
<b>Install the ATC Communication Board</b> .....	<b>30</b>
<b>Install the ATC Rack</b> .....	<b>33</b>

## Remove the Existing Spindle (ER20)

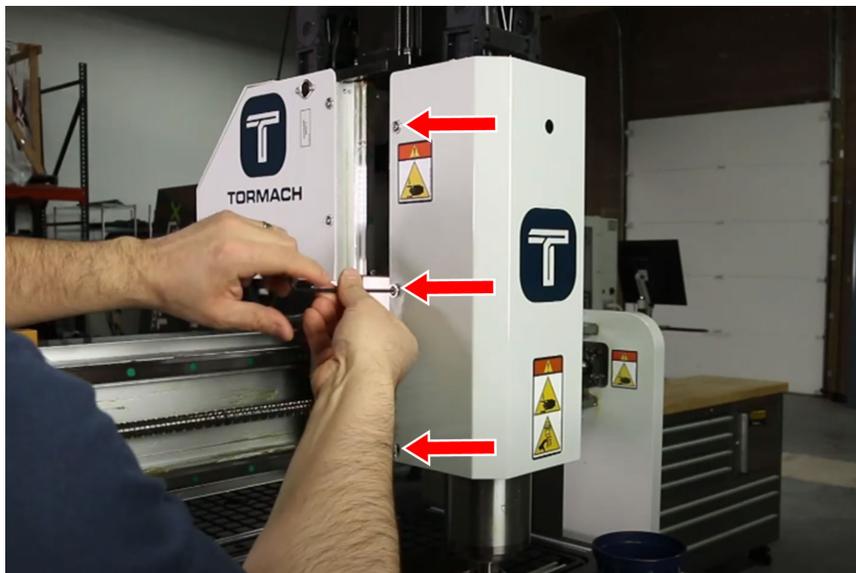
1. Verify that the collet nut is installed and that there's no tooling in it.
2. Put a block of wood below the spindle on the machine table. Then, slowly jog the Z-axis down until the spindle is resting on the block of wood.



*Figure 1: Wood block to support the spindle.*

3. Power off the machine and the PathPilot controller.
  - a. Push in the machine's red Emergency Stop button, which removes power to motion control.
  - b. From the PathPilot interface, select **Exit**.
  - c. Turn the Main Disconnect switch to **OFF** on the side of the electrical cabinet.
  - d. Follow correct lockout/tagout procedures.

- Remove the six M5 button head cap screws that secure the front spindle cover with a 3 mm hex wrench. Set aside the screws and the cover.



*Figure 2: Removing the M5 screws that secure the front spindle cover.*

- Identify the spindle power connector and disconnect it.



*Figure 3: Spindle power connector.*

6. From the top of the spindle, disconnect the two water lines with a 14 mm wrench.



*Figure 4: Two water lines on the existing spindle.*



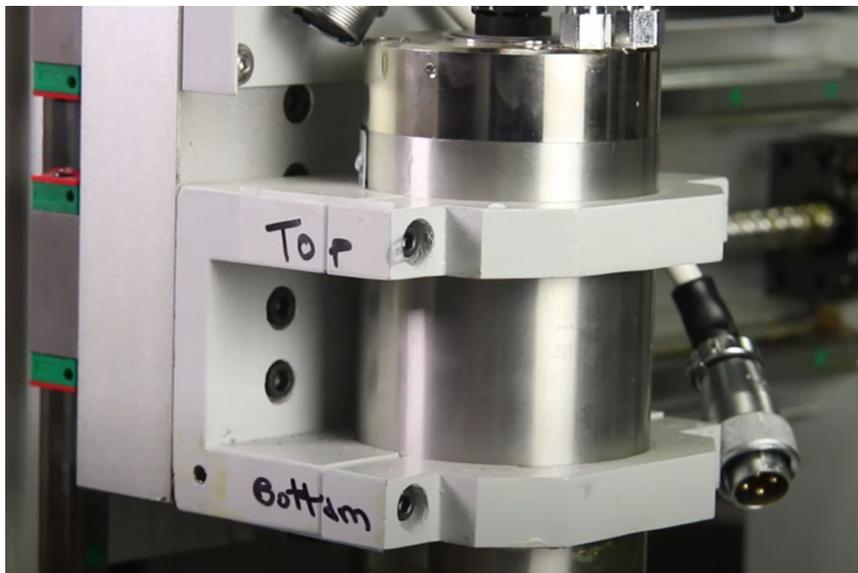
**Note:** We recommend that you put a piece of tape or a black mark on the clear water line. There's another clear line involved in this procedure, so marking this line helps to prevent confusion.

7. If the water lines are difficult to remove from the fitting, cut them with a knife about 1/2 in. above the fitting.



*Figure 5: Cutting the water lines from the fitting.*

8. Mark each of the spindle clamps, as shown in the following image, to indicate which is the top and which is the bottom. You'll use the marks later to correctly realign the spindle clamps to the spindle mount.



*Figure 6: Spindle clamps marked to indicate the top and bottom.*

9. Use one hand to support the spindle, and use your other hand to remove the four M5 socket head cap screws that secure the spindle clamps. Set aside the screws and the spindle clamps.
10. Remove the existing spindle (ER20) from the spindle mount.

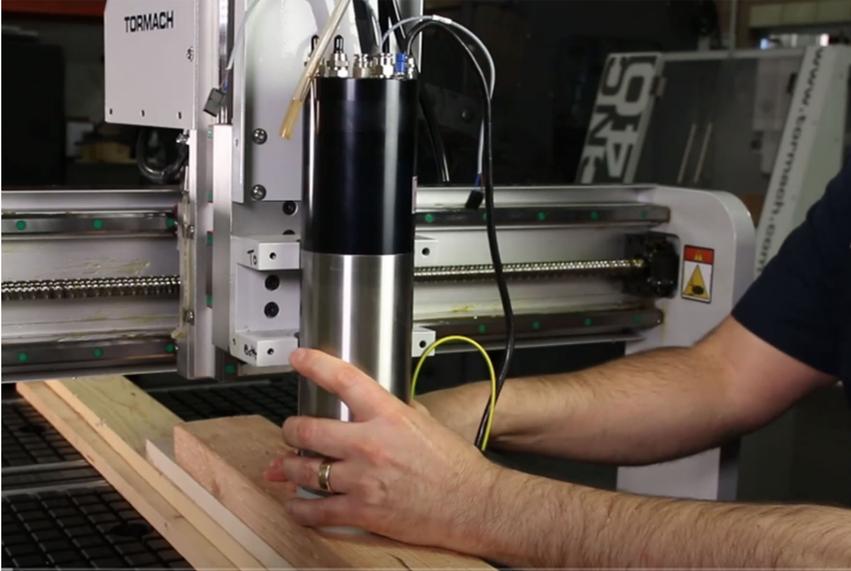
## Install the New Spindle (ISO20)

### Before You Begin: A Note About Spindle Heights

You can adjust the installation height on the 24R spindle to fit your project. For example, you can install it lower to be able to machine thin parts with short tools or you can raise the spindle up to give yourself more clearance for thicker parts and long tooling.

As a good starting point, we recommend starting low and keeping the black portion of the spindle flush or slightly above the top clamp.

1. Put the ISO20 spindle onto wood blocks on the machine table, and then put the spindle into the spindle mount. Orient the spindle so that the coolant ports are pointing toward the front.



*Figure 7: Putting the spindle into the spindle mount.*

2. If necessary, use additional pieces of wood or cardboard to raise the spindle higher in the spindle mount. Don't mount the spindle too low — verify that both clamps are clamped on the main body (the silver section) of the spindle, and that the clamps are spaced evenly on each side.

3. Mount the ISO20 spindle with the spindle clamps and screws (that you set aside earlier) and a 4 mm hex wrench. Align the top and bottom mounts, as shown in the following image, using the marks that you made on the spindle mount before you removed the clamps.



*Figure 8: Mounting the ISO20 spindle.*



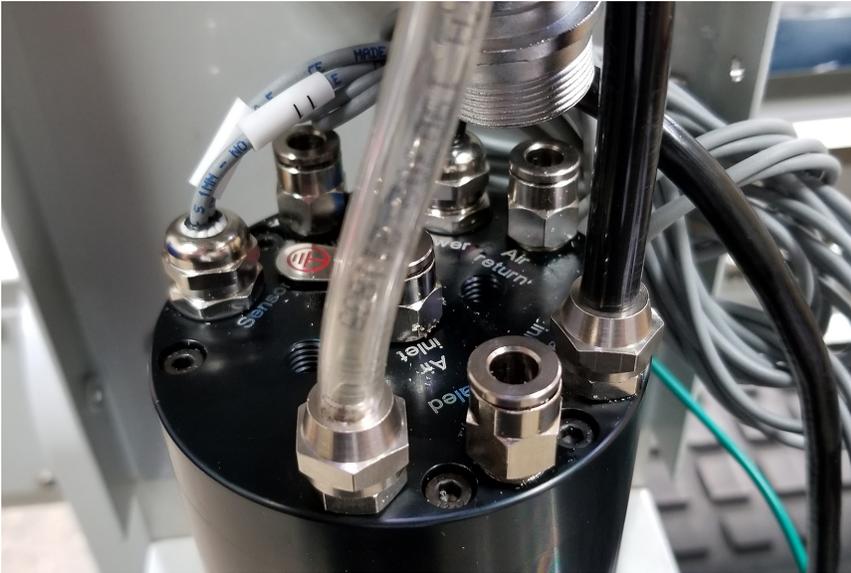
**Tip!** It may be useful to have an assistant help support the spindle while you're installing the clamps.

4. Remove the two shipping bolts from the top of the spindle.



*Figure 9: Shipping bolts installed on the top of the spindle.*

5. Remove the cap from the coolant ports with a 14 mm wrench. Then connect the water lines to the fittings on the top of the spindle in the following order:
  - Connect the black line to the **Water Inlet**.
  - Connect the clear line to the **Water Outlet**.



*Figure 10: Water line connections.*

6. Identify the spindle power connector on the spindle, and connect it to the machine's spindle power connector.



*Figure 11: Spindle power connector.*

7. Remove some pieces from the energy chain by gently prying them with a small, flat-blade screwdriver.



*Figure 12: Removing pieces of the energy chain.*



**Tip!** We recommend leaving a few of the energy chain pieces installed to help keep the wires and tubes organized while you route the new lines.

8. Remove the eight M5 screws that secure the rear Z-axis access panel with a 3 mm hex wrench. Set aside the screws and the panel.



*Figure 13: Rear Z-axis access panel.*

9. Find the bag of hardware and wires that's provided with this kit. Then, identify the following items:
  - Power drawbar sensor cable (**PDB**), which contains wires 545-547.
  - Tool position sensor cable (**TPS**), which contains wires 548-550.
10. Connect the **PDB** and **TPS** cables to the coordinating cables on the spindle.

11. Route the following wires from through the energy chain and toward the rear Z-axis cover:
  - Power drawbar and tool position wires
  - Power drawbar open button wire

## Rewire the ATC Cable



**IMPORTANT!** On earlier machines, the ATC cable wasn't installed on the inside of the electrical cabinet. Follow this procedure to verify this connection before installing the solenoid tray.

1. To determine if you need to connect your ATC cable, open the electrical cabinet and, on the terminal strip, find **wires 490, 491, and 492**.
  - If the wires are connected, as shown in the following image, skip this section and go to "Install the Solenoid Tray" (page 20).



Figure 14: Wires 490, 491, and 492 connected.

- If the wires aren't connected, as shown in the following image, proceed to the next step in this section.

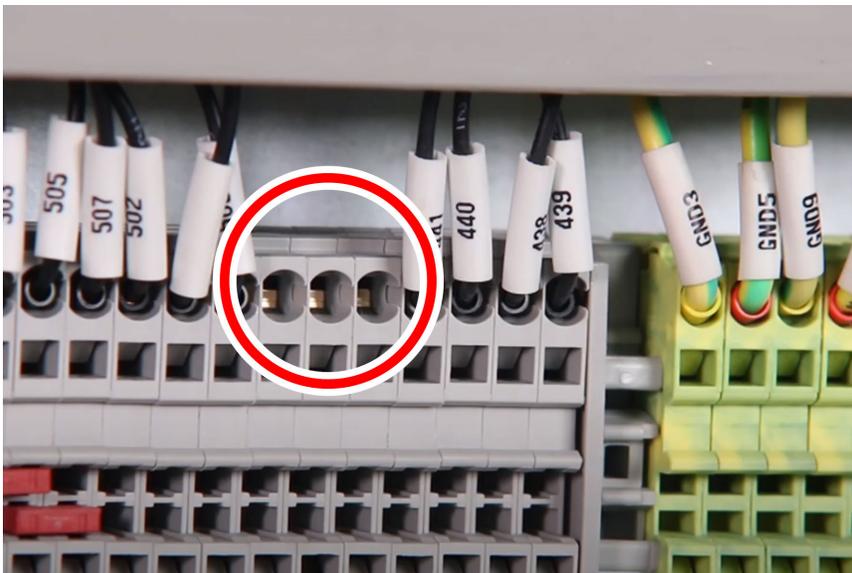


Figure 15: Wires 490, 491, and 492 not connected.

2. Remove the wire trough covers and set them aside.

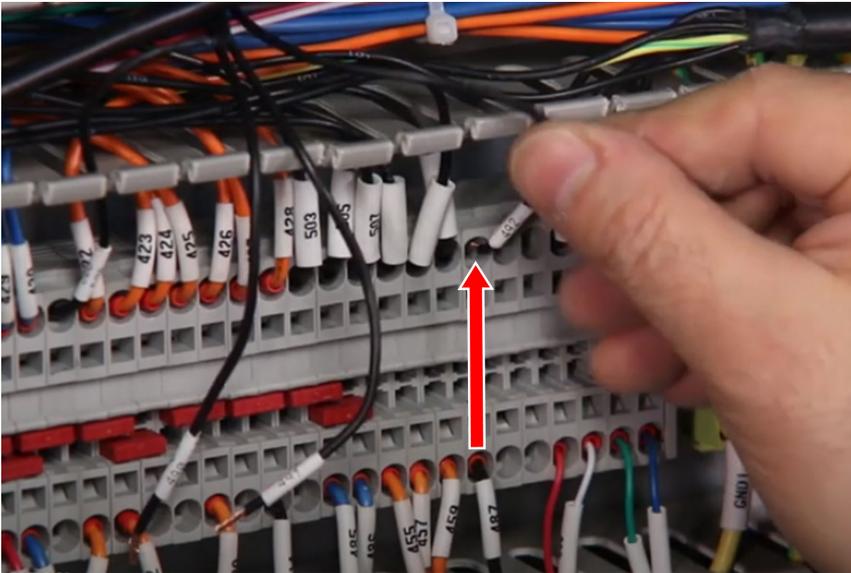
# INSTALLATION

3. In the electrical cabinet, locate the ATC cable — it's a black cable with six black wires and one green/yellow wire. The cable is in one of two places:
  - The left-most wire trough
  - The bottom wire trough
4. From the end of the ATC cable, measure 6 in. (15 cm) and make a mark.
5. Carefully strip away and remove the cable's main insulation all the way back to the mark with a knife or an insulation stripping tool.
6. Push the metal sleeve back so that it bunches up at the bottom, and carefully cut away at the material with wire cutters.
7. Trim away the extra plastic and paper from inside of the cable, and clean any talcum powder from the wires.
8. Strip 1/4 in. (6 mm) from the ends of the six black wires with a wire stripper.
9. In the rear Z-axis cover, find the round ATC connector on the ATC cable.
10. Use a multimeter to perform a continuity test between each pin on the ATC connector and each of the six black wires at the other end of the cable inside the electrical cabinet. Use the following table to identify each wire, and then apply a wire number label 2 in. from the end of each wire.

ATC Connector Pin	ATC Cable Wire
Pin 1	Wire 492
Pin 2	Wire 490
Pin 3	Wire 491
Pin 4	Wire 508

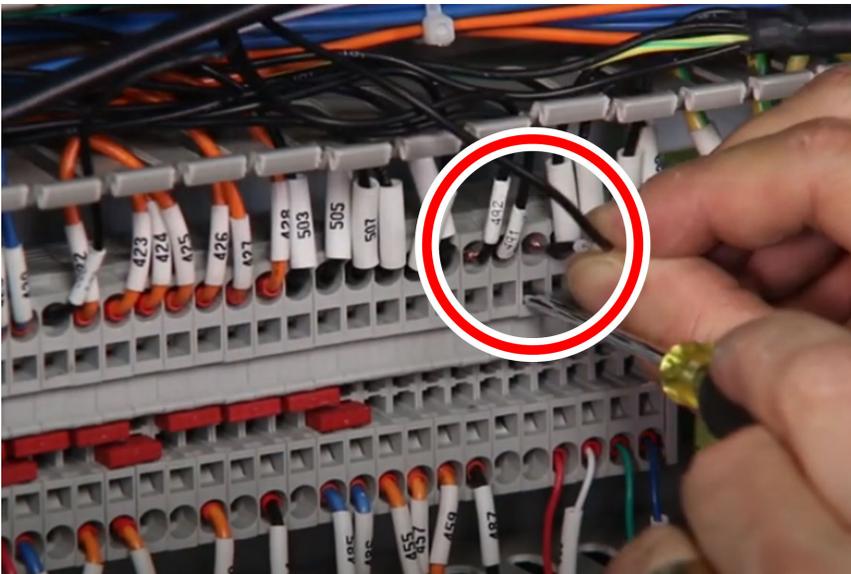
11. Trim the remaining three black wires and one green/yellow wire back to the main insulation with a pair of cutters. Because these wires aren't used for any connections, you can clean up any remaining metal sheathing and tape the wires back with electrical tape.
12. On the terminal strip, find the three open terminal blocks that you identified earlier.

13. Connect **wire 492** to the terminal block by inserting it into the open part of the terminal block across from **wire 487**.



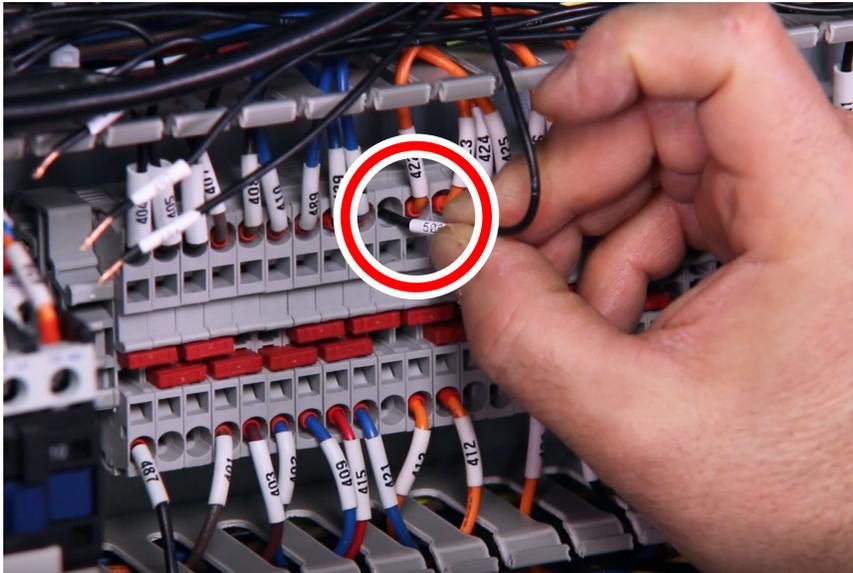
*Figure 16: Connecting wire 492 to the terminal block.*

14. Connect **wire 490** and **wire 491** into the open ports on the terminal block next to **wire 492**.



*Figure 17: Connecting wire 490 and wire 491 to the terminal block.*

15. Connect wire 508 to -24 Vdc by connecting it to one of the open terminals as shown below.



*Figure 18: Connecting wire 508 to the terminal block.*

## Install the Solenoid Tray

1. Route the extra length of air supply line back through the energy chain and to the solenoid tray.
2. Find the solenoid tray provided with this kit, and then identify the ATC control board mounted in it.

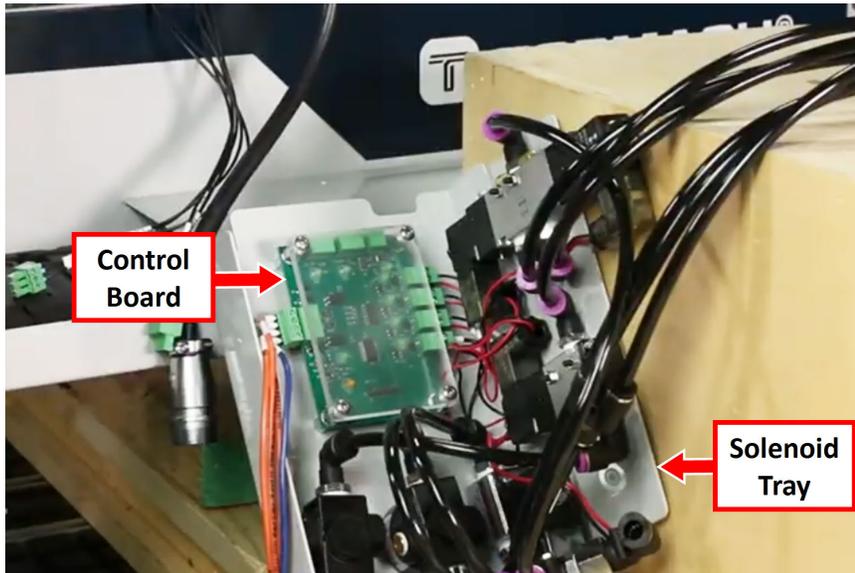


Figure 19: Control board in the solenoid tray.

3. Make the connections to the ATC control board as detailed in the following table.

Identify the...	Connect to...
<b>BTN</b> power drawbar button wires (from the Z-axis energy chain)	J6 connector
<b>TPS</b> wire cable (from the spindle)	J7 connector
<b>PDB</b> wire cable (from the spindle)	J8 connector

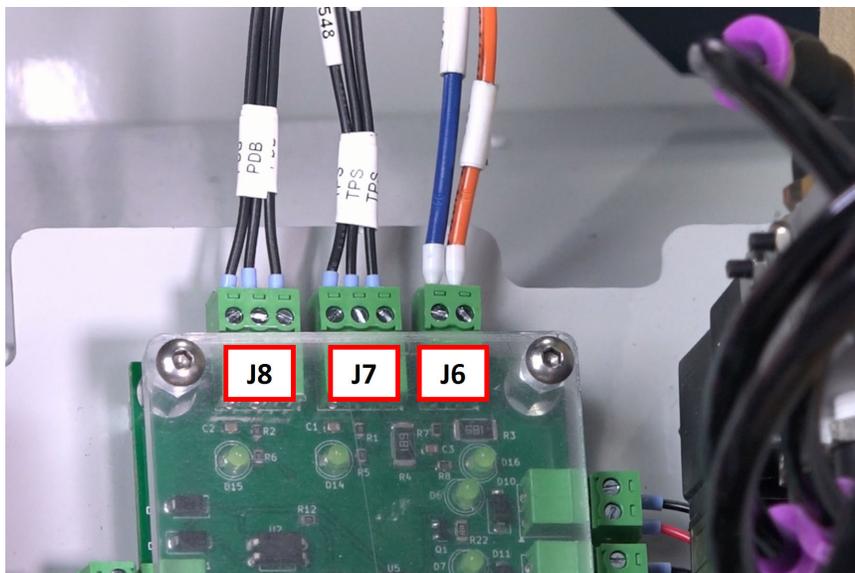


Figure 20: ATC control board connections.

4. Identify the pre-installed ATC cable in the rear Z-axis cover. Then, connect it to the ATC power connector on the ATC solenoid control assembly.
5. Lift the ATC solenoid control assembly up into the bottom of the rear Z-axis cover. Align the threaded holes on the side of the tray with the horizontal slots in the rear Z-axis cover.



**Note:** Be careful to not pinch wires while lifting the tray into position.



*Figure 21: Solenoid control assembly.*

6. Find five M5 screws provided with this kit, and use them to secure the solenoid control assembly to the rear Z-axis cover.
7. Identify the pre-installed 8 mm air hose in the rear Z-axis cover. Then, trim the length and connect it to the 8 mm push-to-connect fitting on the ATC solenoid control assembly.



**Note:** You may need to pull the air line back from within the inside of the Z-axis energy chain.

8. Reinstall all of the energy chain links that you removed earlier in this procedure.

## Connect the Filter-Regulator-Lubricator (FRL) to the Rear of the Machine

1. Remove the two 1/4 in. push-to-connect fittings on either side of the FRL with a 14 mm open socket wrench.



*Figure 22: Preinstalled push-to-connect fittings on the FRL.*

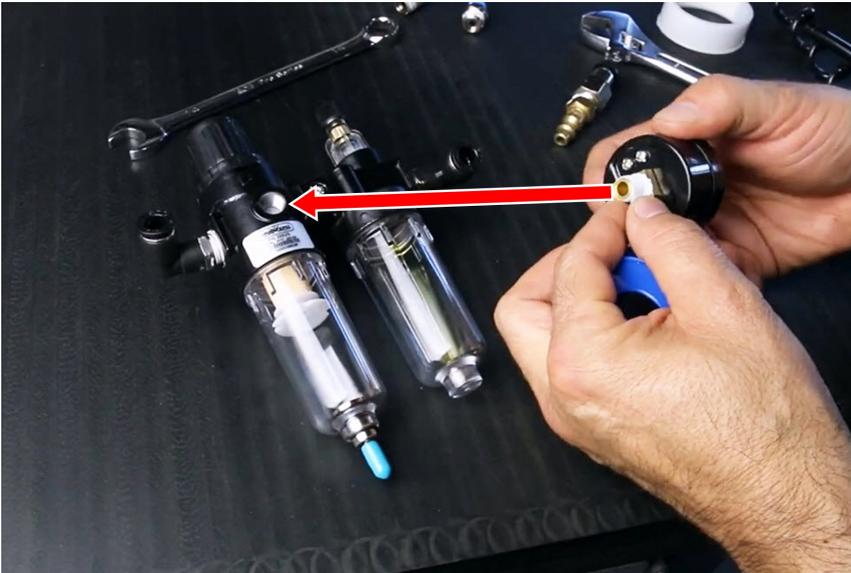
2. Install the two included 5/16 in. push-to-connect elbows to either side of the FRL with a 14 mm open socket wrench. Teflon tape is preinstalled on these elbows.



*Figure 23: Installing the included push-to-connect elbows on the FRL.*

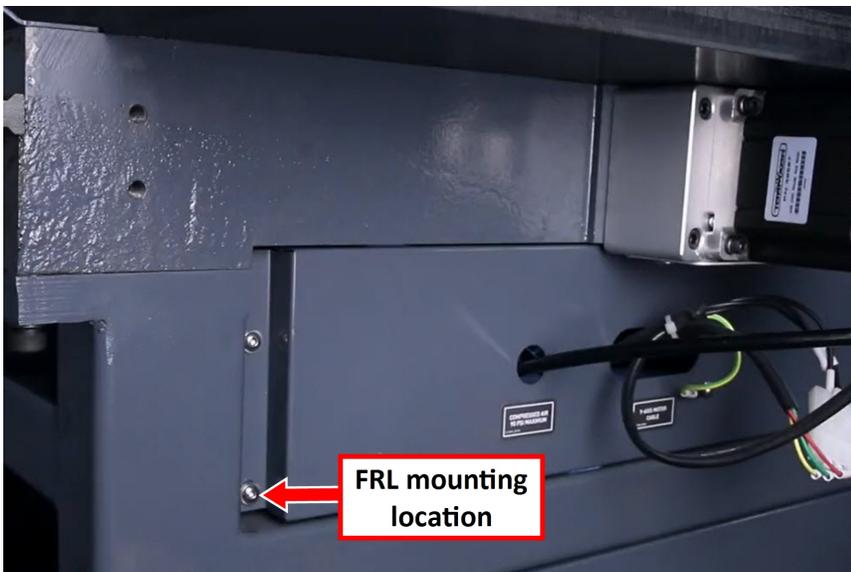
# INSTALLATION

3. Wrap Teflon tape onto the threads of the included dial. Then, install the dial on the FRL. Do not overtighten.



*Figure 24: Preparing the dial for installation on the FRL.*

4. On the rear of the machine, remove the bottom hex screw on the panel shown in the following image with a hex wrench.



*Figure 25: Hex screw to remove for mounting the FRL.*

5. Slide the included socket head cap screw into the top FRL bracket, and slide the spacer onto the backside of the screw. Then, secure the socket head cap screw to the machine with a 3 mm hex wrench.

6. Attach the air line going into the machine to the right push-to-connect elbow on the FRL.



*Figure 26: Connecting the machine's air line to the FRL.*

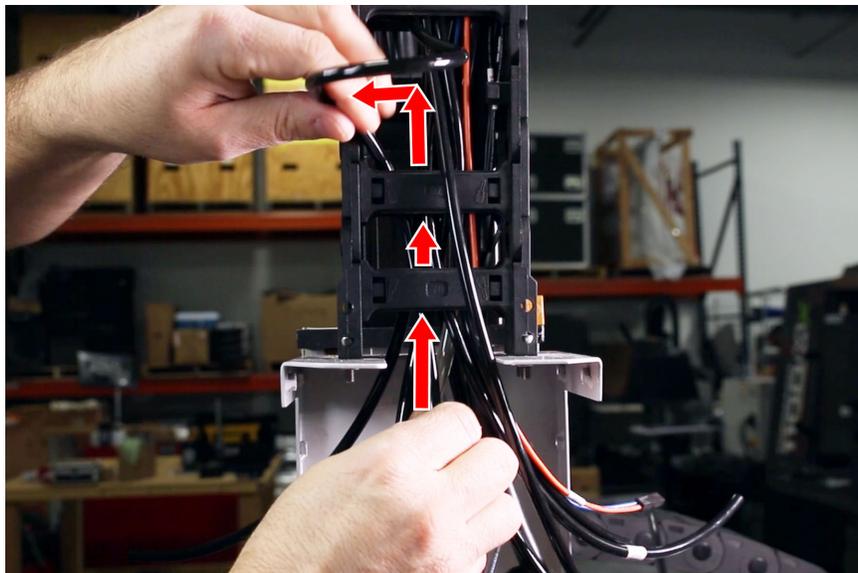
7. Connect the loose end of the 6 in. air line (with the air fitting) to the left push-to-connect elbow on the FRL.



**IMPORTANT!** Don't connect the fitting to your shop's air supply yet. You'll do so later in this procedure.

## Connect the Air Lines to the Spindle

1. Route the loose ends of the air lines from the solenoid panel assembly, through the Z-axis energy chain, and toward the spindle.
2. Identify the two air lines labeled **Lift** and **EXT**. Route the air lines toward the spindle and out the front of the Z-axis energy chain two links before the spindle cover. You'll connect the air lines later in this procedure.



*Figure 27: Pulling the dust shoe air lines through the energy chain.*

3. Identify and connect the following air lines to the push-to-connect fittings on the top of the spindle.

Air Line	Fitting
Blast	Dust Removal
Open	Air Inlet
Seal	Air Sealed
Close	Air Return



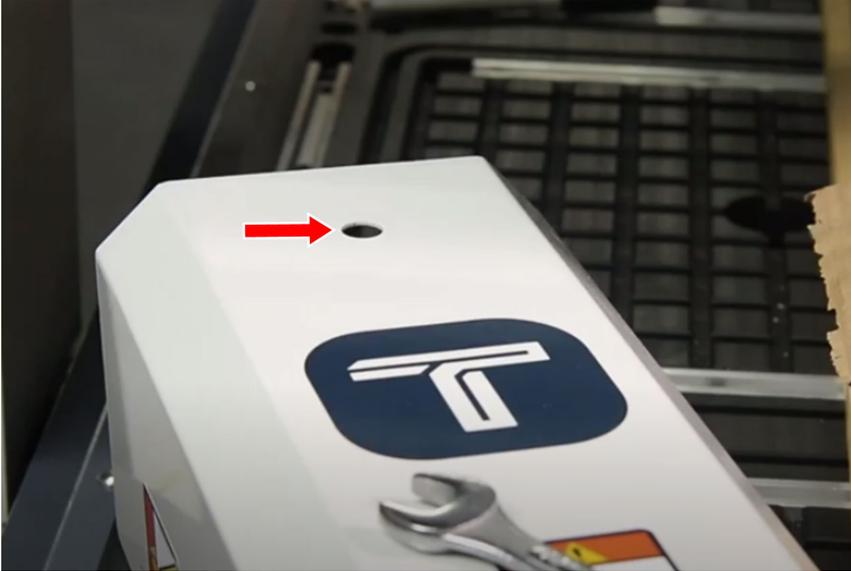
Figure 28: Air line connections.



**Tip!** If the air lines are too long, trim them to length.

## Install the Power Drawbar Button

1. Unplug the power drawbar button at the connector near the spindle from the wires previously routed up through the Z-axis energy chain.
2. Put the power drawbar button into the hole on the spindle cover, and tighten the lock washer and nut onto the button.



*Figure 29: Power drawbar button hole on the spindle cover.*

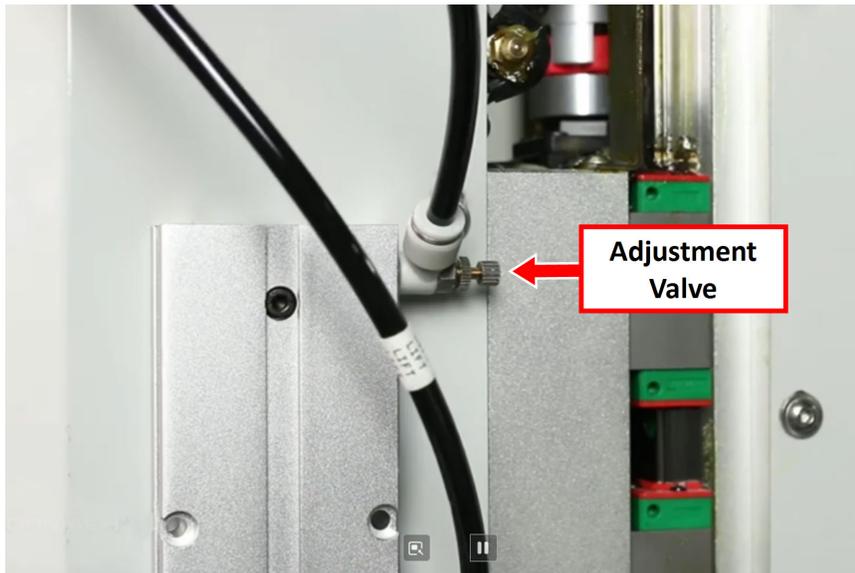


**Note:** Earlier machines (RA10001-RA10036) didn't include a hole for the power drawbar button. If you have one of these machines, use the new Spindle Cover (PN 39086) provided in this kit.

3. While holding the spindle cover up to the spindle head, identify the power drawbar button wires from the Z-axis energy chain, and plug them in to the power drawbar button.
4. Attach the spindle cover to the spindle head with the six M5 screws from earlier in this procedure and a 3 mm hex wrench.

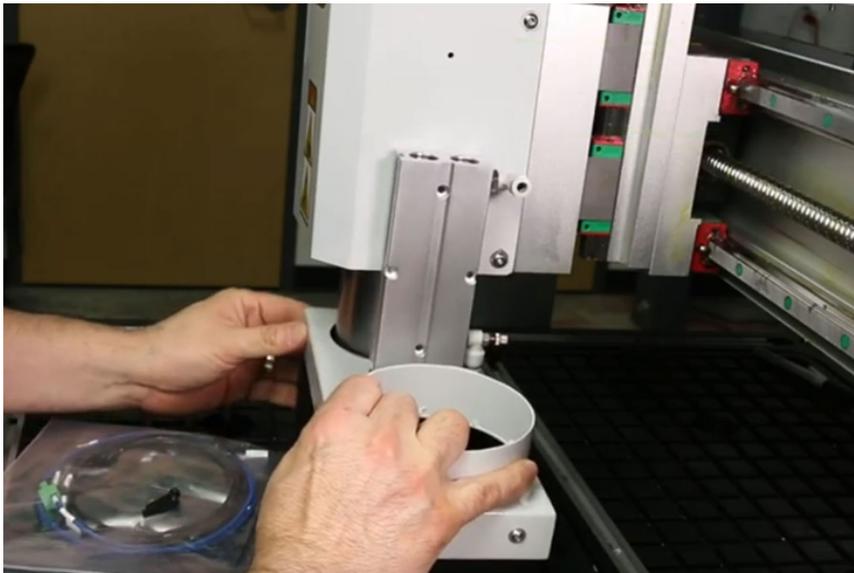
## Install the Lifting Dust Shoe

1. Verify that the top push-to-connect fitting on the dust shoe has the adjustment valve. If it's installed on the bottom, remove it with a wrench and switch it to the top location. Securely tighten both fittings.



*Figure 30: Adjustment valve on the top push-to-connect fitting of the dust shoe.*

2. Slide the non-flanged end of the dust shoe onto the spindle. Then, align the center dust shoe holes on the spindle cover.



*Figure 31: Sliding the dust shoe onto the spindle.*

3. Mount the dust shoe to the spindle cover with the two socket head cap screws and a 3 mm hex wrench.



*Figure 32: Mounting the dust shoe onto the spindle cover.*

4. Install the air line labeled **LIFT** to the push-to-connect fitting into the lower port on the double rod cylinder (nearest to the dust shoe).
5. Install the air line labeled **EXT** to the push-to-connect fitting into the upper port on the double rod cylinder (furthest from the dust shoe).
6. Lift and lower the dust shoe, and observe the motion to determine if it rubs on the spindle. If it does, loosen the Phillips head screws a quarter-turn to adjust the position of the shoe until it's clear of the spindle. Then, re-tighten the Phillips head screws.



*Figure 33: Adjusting the position of the dust shoe.*

## Install the ATC Communication Board

1. In the electrical cabinet, from the machine control board, remove the four screws securing the acrylic board shield with a 2.5 mm hex wrench. Set aside the shield and the screws.
2. Find the ATC communication board provided in this kit. Then, plug the black connector on the ATC communication board into the P1 auxiliary port on the machine control board.

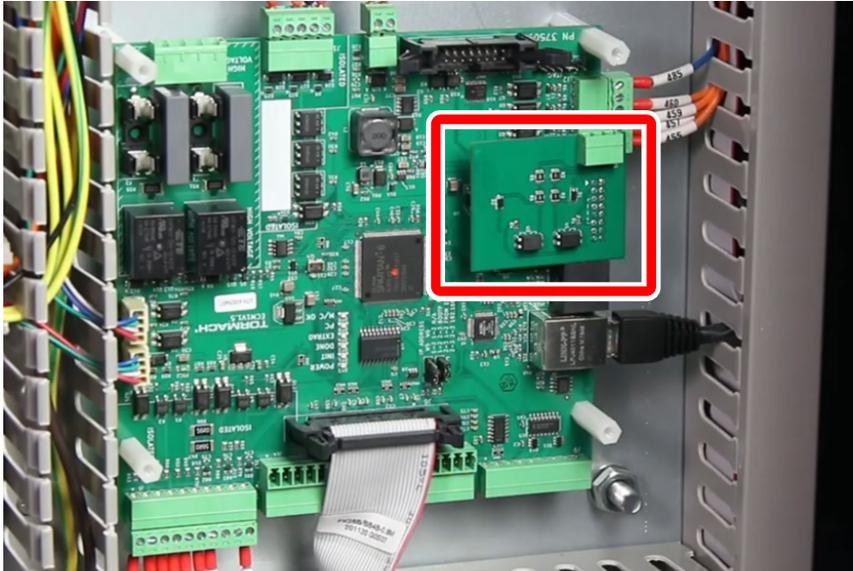


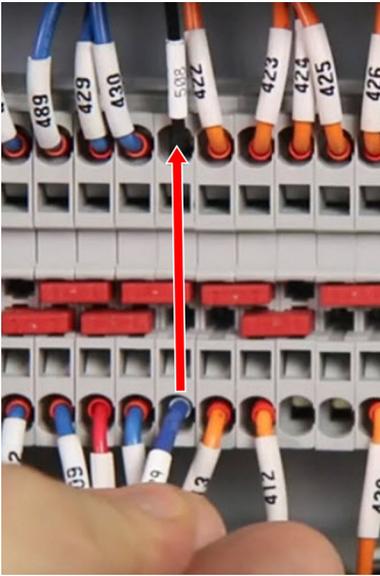
Figure 34: ATC communication board installed onto the machine control board.

3. Locate the wire harness for the ATC communication board with wires labeled **530** and **531**. Connect them as follows:
  - Connect the loose end of **wire 530** to the open port of the terminal block connected to **wire 490**.
  - Connect the loose end of **wire 531** to the open port of the terminal block connected to **wire 491**.



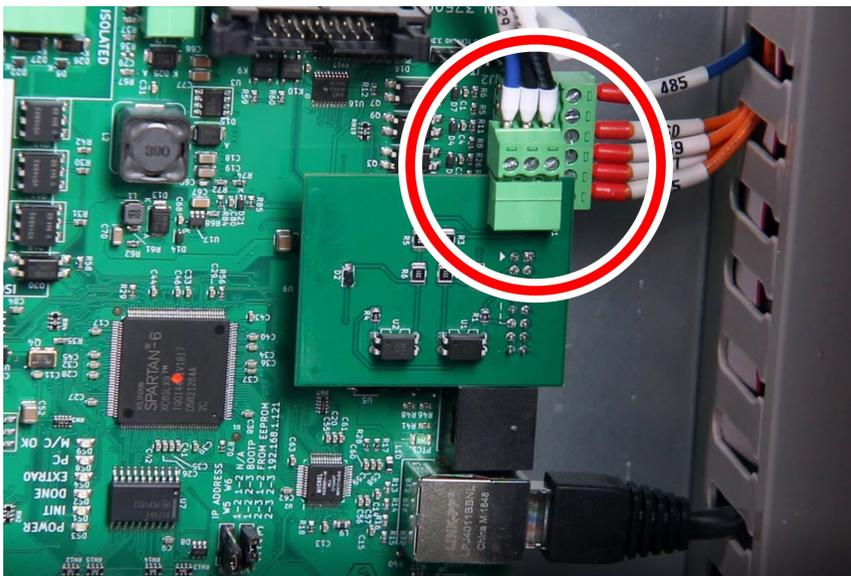
Figure 35: Wires 530 and 531 connected to the terminal block.

4. Connect the loose end of **wire 529** to the open port of the terminal block connected to **wire 508**.



*Figure 36: Wire 429 connected to the open port of wire 508.*

5. Plug the green connector of the wire harness into the J2 connector on the ATC communication board.

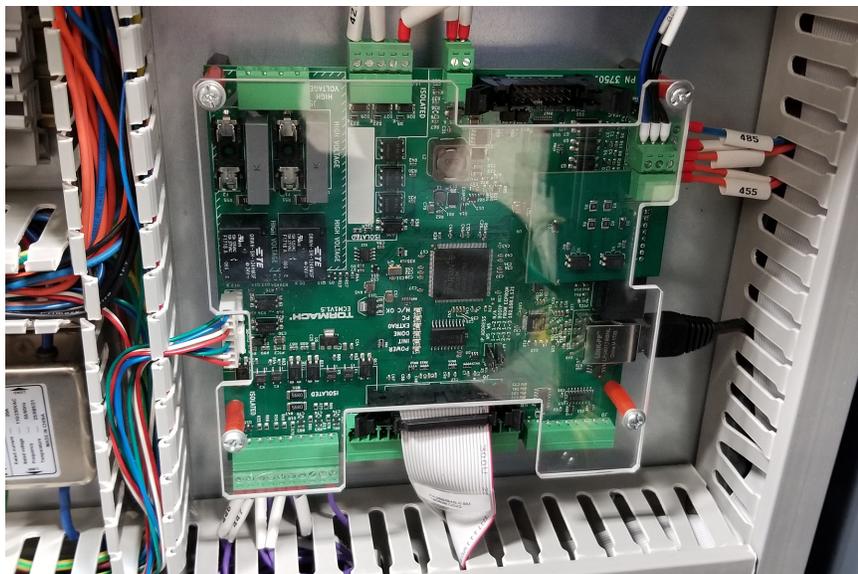


*Figure 37: Connector J2 on the ATC communication board.*

6. Re-install the acrylic board shield to the machine control board with the four screws that you set aside earlier.



**Note:** If the spacers used previously no longer work, we've included additional plastic spacers in this kit for you to use.



*Figure 38: Shield installed on the machine control board.*

7. Tuck all of the wires back into the wire troughs and replace all of the wire trough covers.

## Install the ATC Rack

### Prepare the Machine

1. On the machine table, near the back end (Y+) of the machine, locate the three M8 threaded holes on each side of the machine. You'll use these to mount the ATC rack. If you don't see the three threaded holes, you must remove the linear rail cover punch-outs.



Figure 39: Linear rail cover punch-outs.

### Remove Linear Rail Cover Punch-Outs



**Note:** If your machine has punch-outs on the linear rail covers, you must remove them before you mount the ATC rack.

1. Remove the five M5 button head cap screws securing the left and right linear rail covers to the bed casting with a 3 mm hex wrench.
2. Put a short and a long wood block onto a secure work surface and align the first linear rail cover in the open space.

- Support one of the linear covers with two wooden blocks, aligning the punch-out between the blocks.



*Figure 40: Linear rail cover on two wooden blocks.*

- Break the tabs securing the punch-out to the linear rail cover with a punch and a hammer. Start with one of the tabs closest to the edge of the linear rail cover.



*Figure 41: Using a punch to break the tab closest to the edge of the linear rail cover.*

5. Break the remaining tabs one-by-one, working your way around the punch-out until all of the tabs are broken. Remove the punch-out.

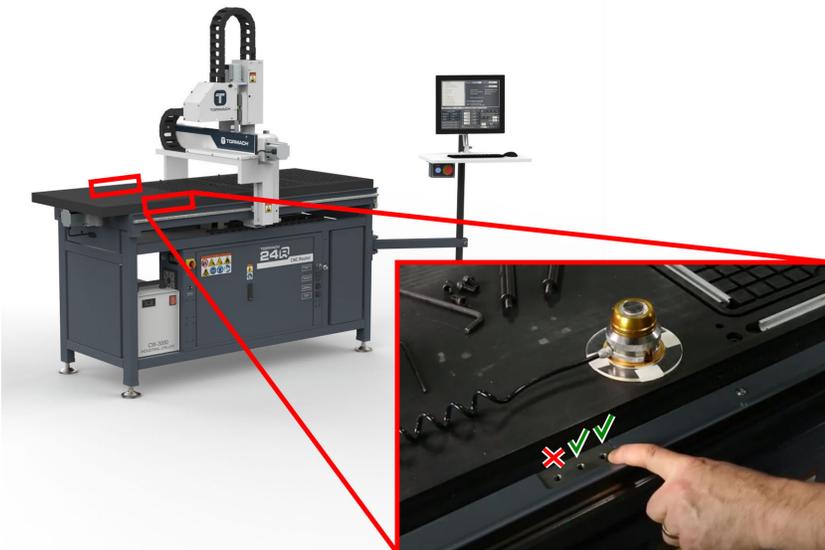


*Figure 42: Linear rail cover with punch-out removed.*

6. Repeat Steps 2 through 4 with the punch-out on the other linear rail cover.
7. Re-attach the linear rail covers to the bed of the machine with a 3 mm hex wrench and the five M5 button head cap screws that you set aside in Step 1.

## Mount the ATC Rack

1. Find the ATC rack provided with this kit. Then, remove the four M8 bolts securing the standoffs to the bottom of the ATC rack with a 6 mm hex wrench and a 16 mm wrench. Set aside the M8 bolts.
2. Identify the two sets of three holes on either side of the machine table. You'll install the ATC rack's two standoffs into two of the holes (the hole that's furthest to the left is unused and remains open).



*Figure 43: ATC rack standoff holes.*

# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

3. Install the standoffs into the two holes with a 16 mm wrench.

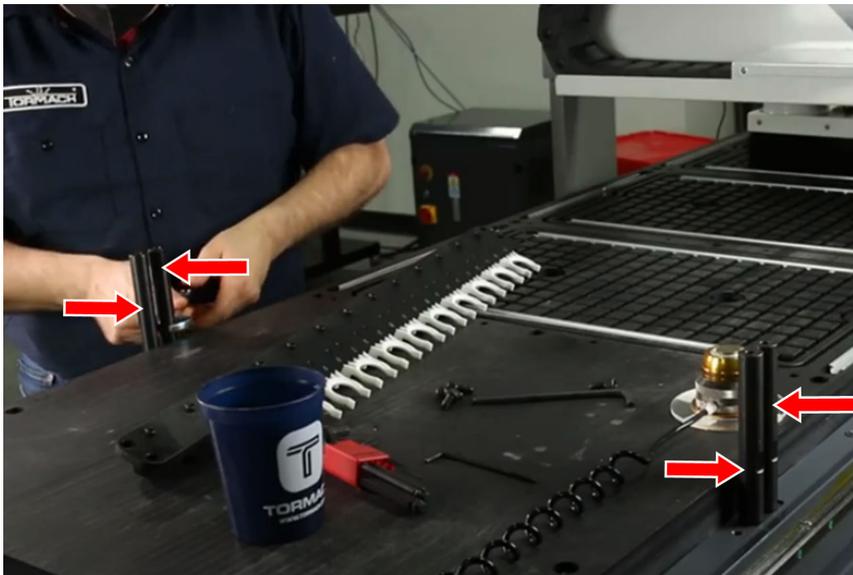


Figure 44: Installing the standoffs onto the machine.

4. Turn the rack so that the mounting screws for the tool forks are on the bottom of the rack, and then mount the ATC rack to the top of the standoffs with the four M8 bolts that you set aside earlier.



Figure 45: Installing the rack onto the standoffs.

## ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

After installing all of the components of the ATC, you must make adjustments and do testing to verify that the ATC was properly installed. Complete the steps in the following sections before using the ATC.

<b>Inspect the ATC Control Board</b> .....	<b>37</b>
<b>Adjust the ATC Air Pressure Settings</b> .....	<b>37</b>
<b>Verify the Power Drawbar Function</b> .....	<b>42</b>
<b>Verify the Spindle Direction</b> .....	<b>43</b>
<b>Align the ATC Rack</b> .....	<b>44</b>
<b>Run the Spindle Break-In Program</b> .....	<b>47</b>

## Inspect the ATC Control Board

1. Power on the machine and the PathPilot controller.
  - a. Insert the power plug(s) into the wall outlet. If your system is hardwired, restore power to the circuit breaker(s).
  - b. Turn the Main Disconnect switch to **ON** on the side of the electrical cabinet.
  - c. Twist out the machine's red Emergency Stop button, which enables movement to the machine axes and the spindle.
  - d. Press the Reset button.
  - e. Bring the machine out of reset and reference it.
2. If you haven't yet done so, you must update your controller to at least version 2.9.0 of PathPilot. From the PathPilot interface, on the **Status** tab, select **Update**.
3. Once PathPilot has been updated, from the **Settings** tab, select **Rack Tool Changer**. The **Rack ATC** tab displays next to the **Status** tab.
4. In the rear Z-axis cover, on the ATC control board, inspect the Power and Status LED lights. Confirm that they're illuminated as detailed in the following table.

LED	Light
Power (green)	On
Status (amber)	Off

## Adjust the ATC Air Pressure Settings

The ATC has three air pressure control settings that you must adjust before operation.

### Pressure Control Settings Overview

The three air pressure control settings are:

1. [Spindle Nose Seal and Dust Shoe Extend Pressure Regulator](#) (closest to the operator side of the machine (X-))
2. [Dust Shoe Lift Pressure Regulator](#) (furthest from the operator side of the machine)
3. [Dust Shoe Lift Speed Control Valve](#)

The **Spindle Nose Seal and Dust Shoe Extend Pressure Regulator** has two functions:

- The ISO20 spindle has a positive pressure air seal around the spindle nose. The constant flow of air from the spindle nose keeps dust out of the spindle bearings during operation. The pressure regulator controls the flow rate of air that is purged from the spindle nose.
- This pressure regulator also adjusts the downward force applied to the lifting dust shoe.

Both the spindle nose air seal and the downward force on the lifting dust shoe require the same amount of air pressure. The downward force on the lifting dust shoe should be enough to fully extend the dust shoe but not enough to fold the bristles in half when lifting the dust shoe with both hands.

# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

The **Dust Shoe Lift Pressure Regulator** controls the upward force applied to the lifting dust shoe when in the up position. The pressure should be set such that the dust shoe fully lifts when commanded and the dust shoe can still be pushed downward with two fingers.

The Dust Shoe Lift Pressure Regulator should be adjusted after adjusting the Spindle Nose Seal and Dust Shoe Extend Pressure regulator.

The **Dust Shoe Lift Speed Control Valve** fitting is a one way flow control valve and it controls how quickly the dust shoe moves upward when it is lifted. This valve should be open when adjusting the Spindle Nose Air Seal and Dust Shoe Extend Pressure Regulator and then fine tuned after setting the pressure on the Dust Shoe Lift Pressure Regulator.

## Adjust the Spindle Nose Air Seal and Dust Shoe Extend Pressure Regulator

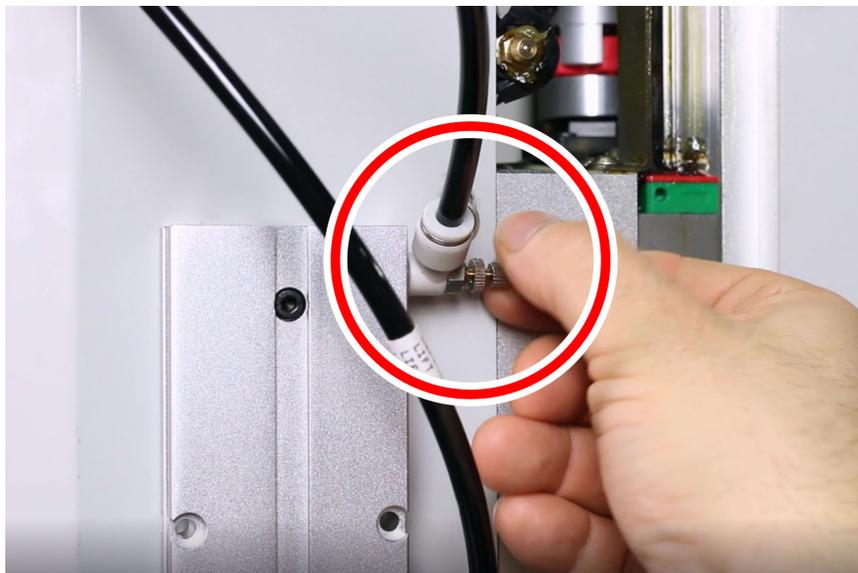
1. At the back of the machine, connect the air line from the air compressor to the FRL's air fitting inlet that you connected earlier. Verify that the air compressor is set between 90 psi and 120 psi.



*Figure 46: Connecting the air compressor's air line to the FRL.*

# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

2. Identify the dust shoe lift speed control valve on the top of the lifting dust shoe cylinder. Loosen the locking nut. Then open the valve by turning the adjustment screw counterclockwise 1-3 full turns.



*Figure 47: Loosening the dust shoe lift speed control valve.*

3. On the bottom of the ATC solenoid control panel, identify the spindle nose air seal and dust shoe extend pressure regulator, and pull down to unlock the pressure regulator.

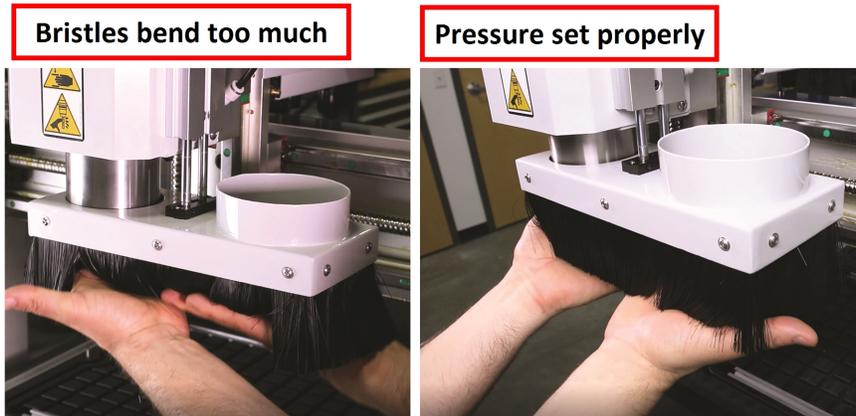


*Figure 48: Unlocking the dust shoe extend pressure regulator.*

4. Turn the knob clockwise to increase the air pressure until you begin to hear air coming from the air seal around the nose of the spindle.

# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

5. Place the palms of both hands below the bristles of the lifting dust shoe and lift the dust shoe upward. Then release the lifting dust shoe and allow it to extend.
  - a. If the lifting dust shoe does not fully extend, turn the air pressure regulator clockwise to increase the pressure.
  - b. If the bristles on the dust shoe bend too much when lifting the dust shoe with both hands, turn the pressure regulator counterclockwise to decrease the pressure.



6. Once the pressure is set properly, push the knob back up to lock the pressure regulator.

## Adjust the Dust Shoe Lift Pressure Regulator

1. From the PathPilot interface, select **Lift/Lower Dust Shoe**.



Figure 49: Dust Shoe button.

# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

2. On the bottom of the ATC solenoid control panel, identify the dust shoe lift pressure regulator, and pull down to unlock the pressure regulator.



*Figure 50: Unlocking the dust shoe lift pressure regulator.*

3. Turn the knob clockwise to increase the lifting pressure until the dust shoe lifts all the way up.
4. Using two fingers, push the lifting dust shoe downward.



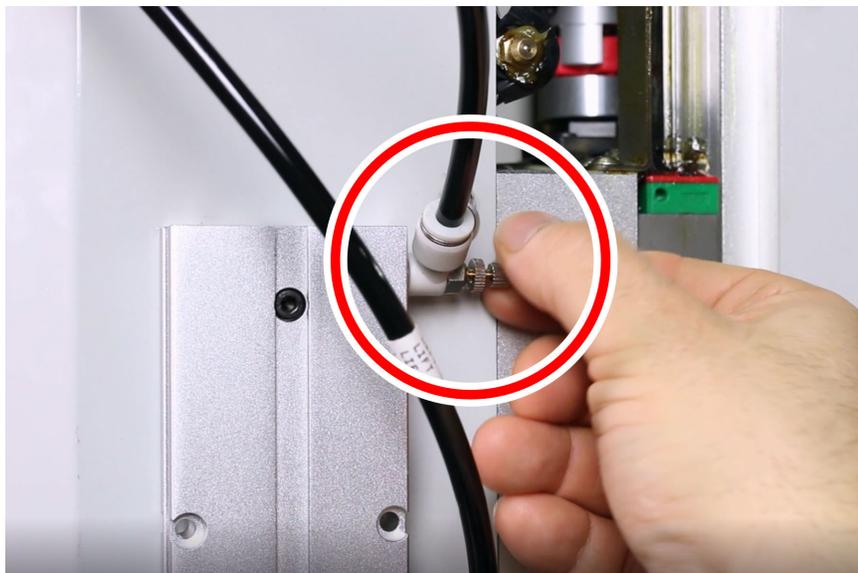
*Figure 51: Pressing down on the dust shoe.*

5. If you can't push the lifting dust shoe downward with two fingers, turn the pressure regulator counterclockwise to decrease the pressure.
6. From the PathPilot interface, select **Lift/Lower Dust Shoe**. The dust shoe goes back down.

## Adjust the Dust Shoe Lift Speed Control Valve

1. From the PathPilot interface, select **Lift/Lower Dust Shoe** to lift the dust shoe. Observe the speed of how quickly the dust shoe lifts.
2. Select **Lift/Lower Dust Shoe Button** to lower the dust shoe.

3. On the top of the dust shoe lifting cylinder, identify the dust shoe lift speed control valve.



*Figure 52: Loosening the dust shoe lift speed control valve.*

4. Adjust the dust shoe lifting speed as follows:
  - a. Rotate the adjustment screw clockwise to decrease the speed.
  - b. Rotate the adjustment screw counterclockwise to increase the speed.
5. Repeat Steps 1 through 4 until the dust shoe lifts and lowers at roughly the same speed.

## Verify the Power Drawbar Function

1. Identify the PDB button on the front of the spindle cover, and press and hold the power drawbar button. The power drawbar valve opens, and the power drawbar opens inside of the spindle.  
19:52

2. Insert an ISO20 tool holder into the spindle and release the power drawbar button. The drawbar closes and locks the tool into the spindle.



**Note:** The power drawbar button does not lock the PDB in the open position. The PDB closes when the button is released.

3. While holding the tool in the spindle, select the **Collet** button on the **Rack ATC** tab in the PathPilot interface. The drawbar opens, releasing the tool from the spindle, and remains in the open position.



**Note:** The collet button in PathPilot opens the power drawbar and locks it in the open position until either the collet button is pressed again or the PDB button on the front of the spindle is pressed and released.

4. Remove the tool from the spindle. Then, select **Collet**. The drawbar closes.

# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

5. Select **Collet** to lock the drawbar in the open position. Then, select **Air Blast**. Air purges from the center of the spindle for about one second and then turns off.

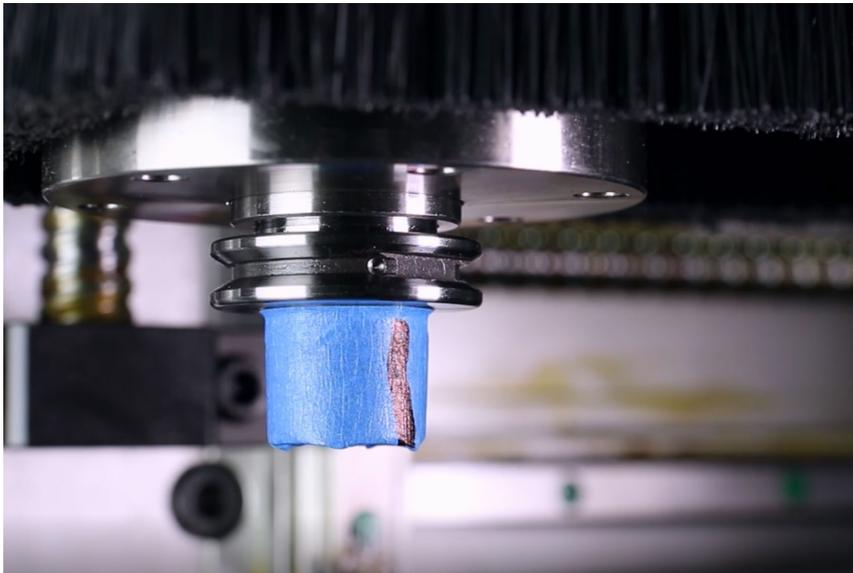


**Note:** The **Blast** button is used to test the air blast from the center of the spindle. The air blast is used to clear chips, dust and debris from the tool shanks when the machine performs an Automatic Tool Change.

## Verify the Spindle Direction

**NOTICE!** You must verify the spindle direction before operating the machine. If you don't, you could operate the spindle in the reverse direction, which could damage the spindle.

1. Remove the collet nut from an ISO20 tool holder and put a piece of tape onto the side of the tool holder. Draw a vertical line onto the tape. Then install the tool holder into the spindle.



*Figure 53: Tape and line indicator installed into the spindle.*

2. From the PathPilot interface, on the **Main** tab, in the **RPM** DRO field, type 10,000. Then select the **Enter** key.

# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

3. While observing the spindle, select **Fwd**, and then select **Stop**. The spindle turns on, rotates counterclockwise, and turns off.

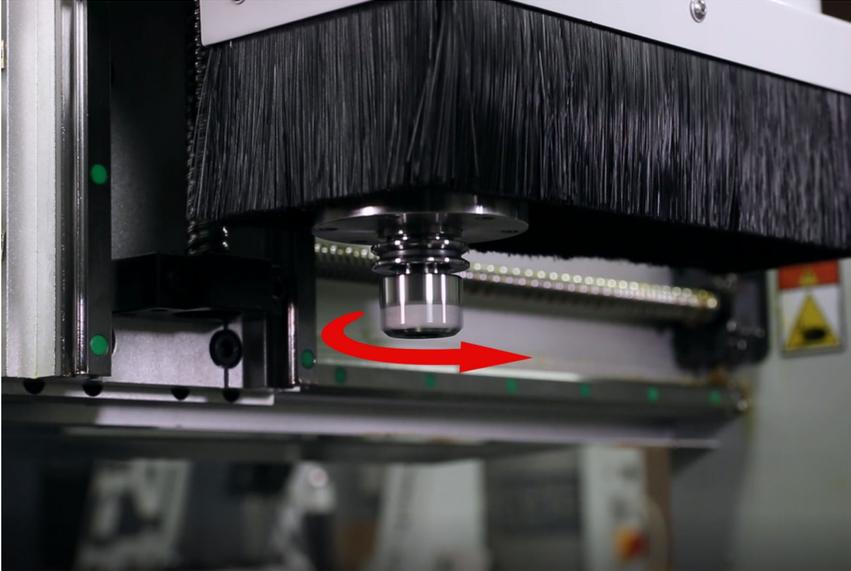


Figure 54: Spindle rotating counterclockwise.

4. Depending on the direction in which the spindle rotated in Step 3, do one of the following:
  - **Rotates Clockwise (Viewed from Above)** You've completed the spindle function verification. Go to "Align the ATC Rack" (below).
  - **Rotates Counterclockwise (Viewed from Above)** Power off the machine and, on the variable frequency drive (VFD), swap **wire U** and **wire V**. Then, power on the machine, and repeat Steps 2 through 3.

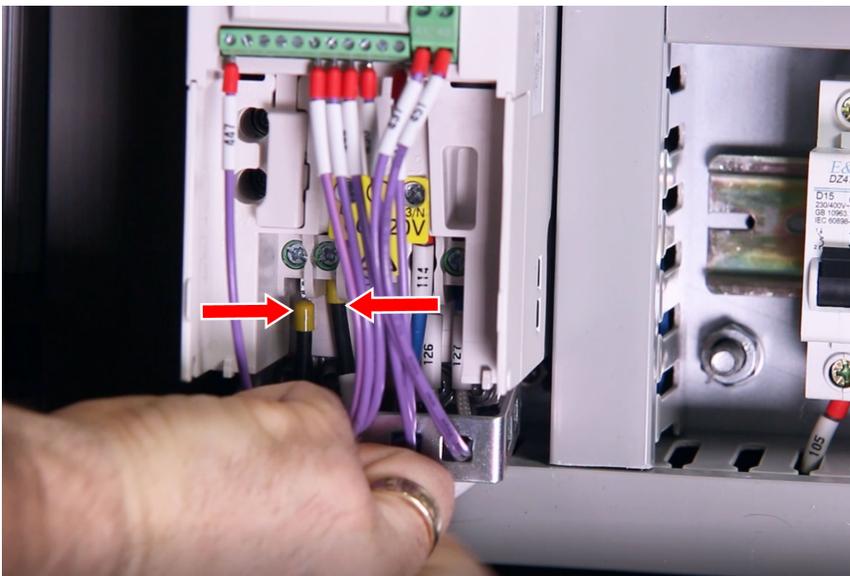


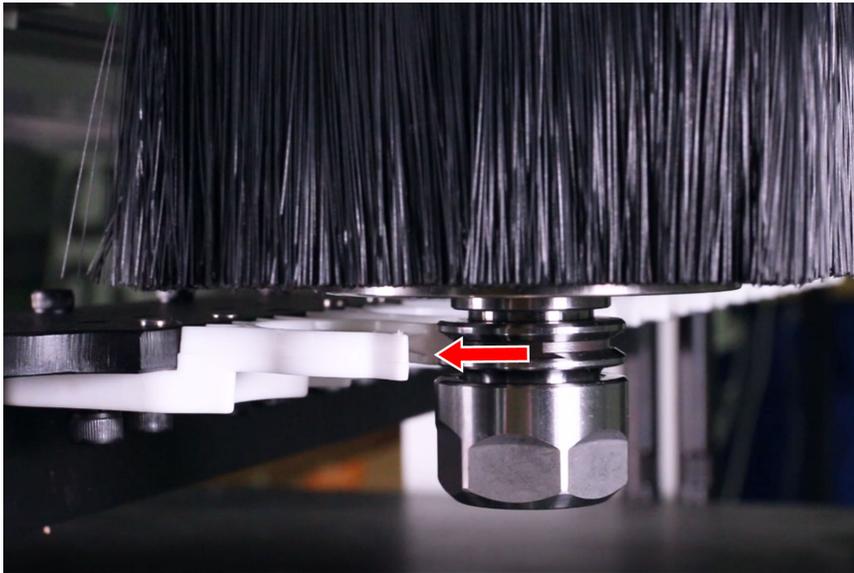
Figure 55: Wire U and wire V on the VFD.

## Align the ATC Rack

Before using the 24R ATC for the first time, you must set the tool change positions for tool pockets A and J to align the ATC rack to the machine's reference position.

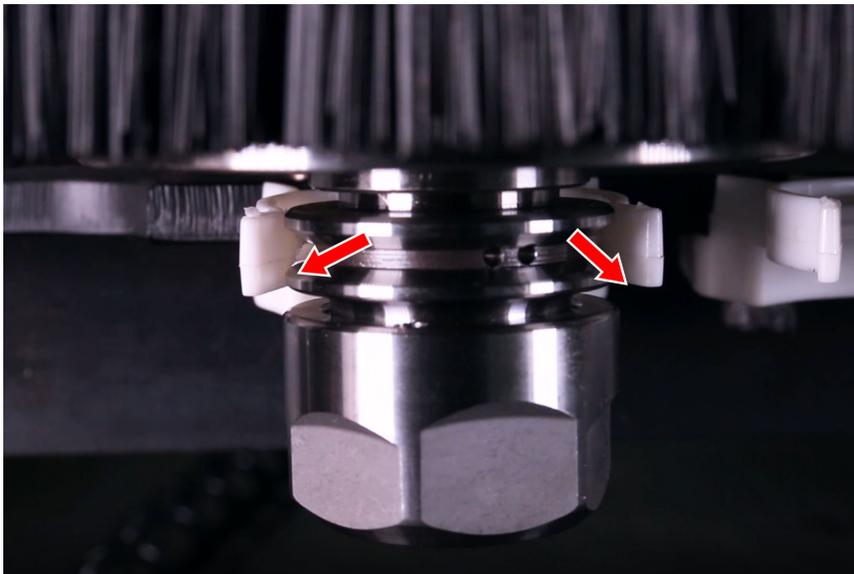
# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

1. Install an ISO20 holder into the spindle.
2. Jog the machine in front of the left-most pocket (Pocket A) of the ATC rack.
3. Jog the spindle down to visually align the ATC fork with the tool holder's groove.



*Figure 56: Aligning the ATC fork with the tool holder's groove.*

4. Jog the machine in the Y+ direction to move the tool holder into the ATC rack while watching the tool fork. You want to see both forks start to bend out at the same time when the tool starts engaging the fork. Make any adjustments needed in the X direction.



*Figure 57: Tool forks bending out together.*

# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

- Continue jogging the machine in the Y+ direction until the holder is seated in the ATC fork. You can determine this visually or by rotating the tool by hand. When the tool holder touches the back of the fork, you'll feel the drag increase.



Figure 58: Rotating the tool holder to feel when the drag increases.

- From the PathPilot interface, select **Set TC POS** below pocket A to teach the location for Pocket A.

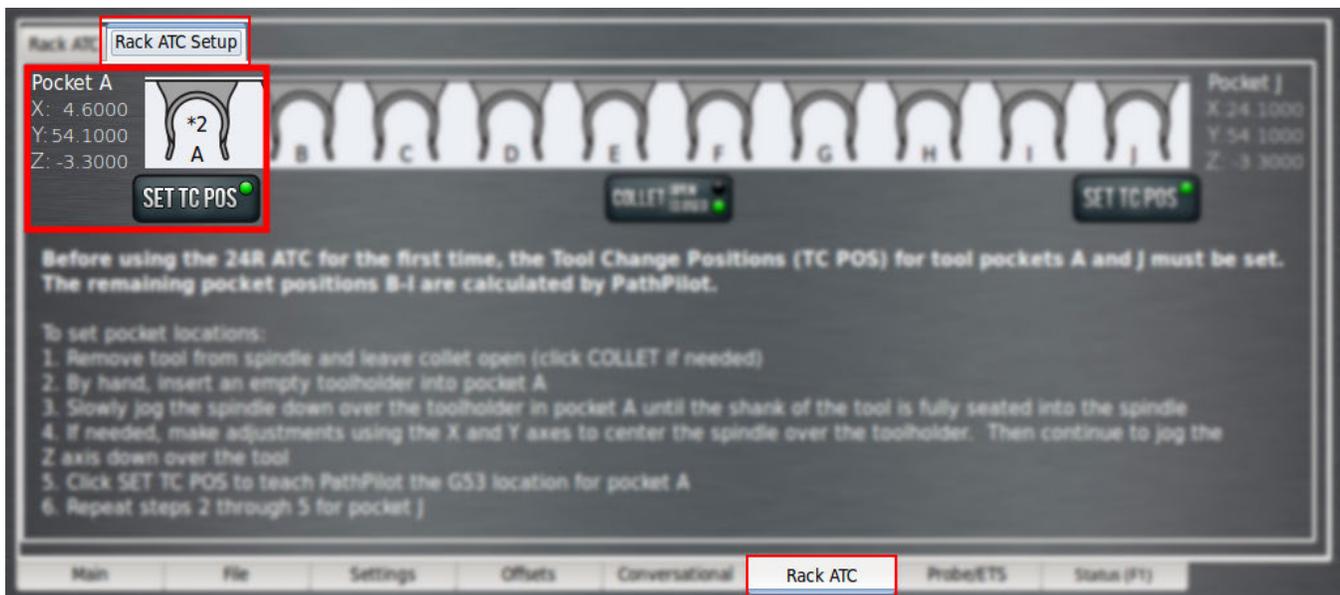


Figure 59: Set TOC POS button on Rack ATC Setup tab.

- Jog the machine in the Y- direction to remove the tool from the ATC rack.



**Note:** Keep the Z height at the same position to help reduce the setup time for Pocket J.

- Jog the machine over to the right-most pocket (Pocket J), and repeat Steps 3-5.
- From the PathPilot interface, **Set TC POS** below pocket J to teach the location for Pocket J.
- Jog the machine in the Y- direction to remove the tool from the ATC rack.

# ADJUSTMENTS AND VERIFICATION

11. You can make fine adjustments by directly editing the TC positions on the **Rack ATC Setup** tab. It's important to note that what's displayed are the G53 or machine coordinates. To have your machine's DRO match these values, you must:

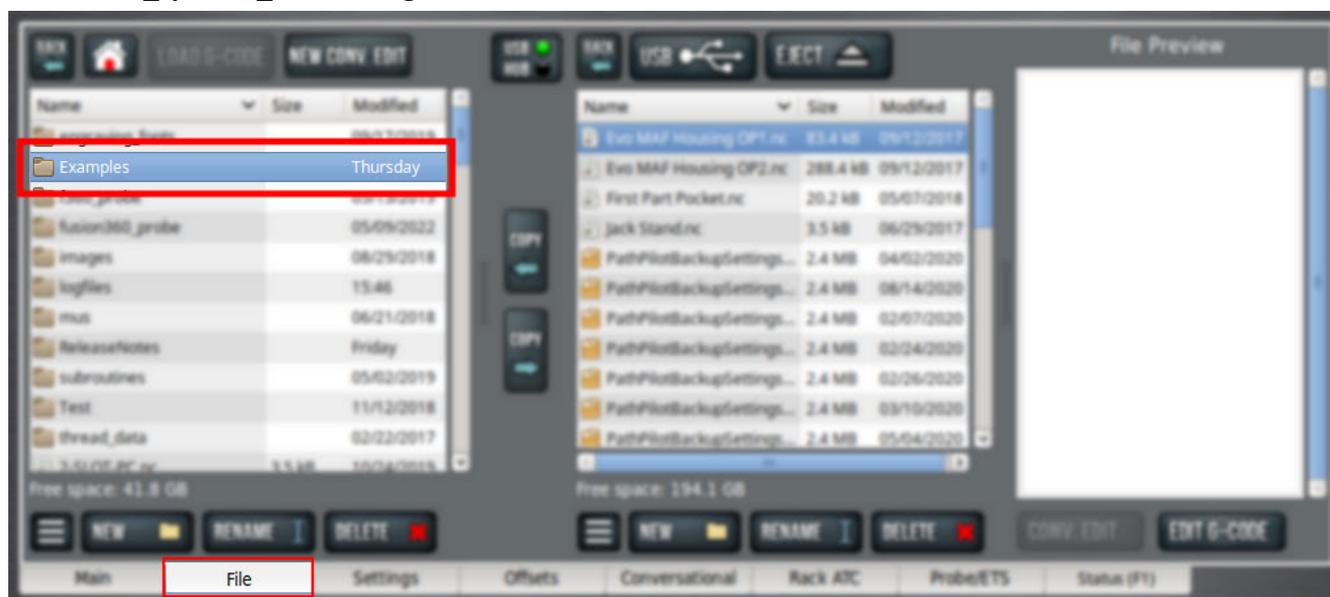
- Have a work coordinate active with all values set to 0, and
- Have T0 active **or** a tool with a 0 in. offset.

## Run the Spindle Break-In Program

To prolong bearing life and reduce spindle noise, it's important to run the spindle through a break-in procedure before operating the machine. Complete the following steps to run the spindle through a break-in cycle. You only must perform this procedure once for a new spindle.

 **Note:** The total cycle time for the spindle break-in procedure is **195 minutes**.

1. If you haven't yet done so, you must first install the spindle chiller before running this break-in program. For information, see the operator's manual.
2. Load a tool into the spindle. You can use an empty tool holder for this procedure.
3. From the PathPilot interface, on the **File** tab, open the **Examples** folder. Then, double click the program called **24R\_spindle\_breakin.ngc**.



*Figure 60: Examples folder on the File tab.*

The program loads on the **Main** tab.

4. Select **Cycle Start**.

The spindle runs through the three-hour break-in procedure, where it rotates in increments of 10,000, 20,000, and 24,000 rpm. After the program finishes, the break-in procedure is complete.

## OPERATION

Read the following sections to understand how to operate the ATC:

Load a Tool into the Spindle.....	48
Remove a Tool from the Spindle.....	49
Store the Current Tool into the ATC Rack.....	49
Fetch a Tool from the ATC Rack.....	51
Remove a Tool from the ATC Rack.....	52
Measure a Tool.....	53
Touch Off Entire ATC Rack.....	53
Programming.....	54

### Load a Tool into the Spindle

1. From the PathPilot interface, select **Dust Shoe**.  
The dust shoe lifts.



Figure 61: Dust Shoe button.

2. With one hand, press and hold the power drawbar button on the front of the spindle cover.  
The drawbar opens.
3. With the other hand, insert the shank of the tool into the spindle taper.
4. While holding the tool into the spindle taper, release the power drawbar button.  
The drawbar closes and clamps the tool into the spindle.

- From the PathPilot interface, in the **Tool Number** DRO field, type the tool number. Then select the **Enter** key.



Figure 62: Tool Number DRO field.

## Remove a Tool from the Spindle

- From the PathPilot interface, select **Dust Shoe**.  
The dust shoe lifts.



Figure 63: Dust Shoe button.

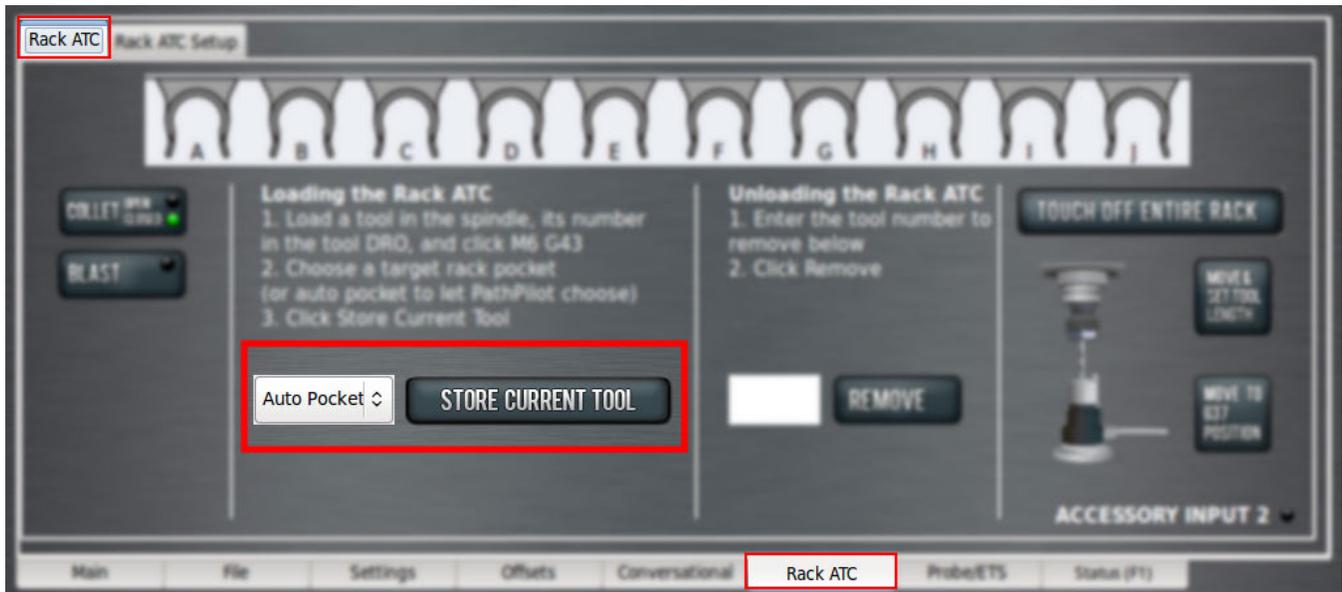
- With one hand, support the tool holder in the spindle.
- With the other hand, press and hold the power drawbar button of the front of the spindle head.  
The tool releases.
- From the PathPilot interface, in the **Tool Number** DRO field, type 0. Then select the **Enter** key.

## Store the Current Tool into the ATC Rack

By default, the ATC is a **random pocket** ATC. This means that, to load and store a tool into the ATC rack, you only need to select the Store Current Tool button — PathPilot then finds an open pocket to use. However, you can also actively select a specific pocket by using the Selected Pocket drop-down menu.

## Automatically Select a Pocket

1. If you haven't yet done so, load a tool into the spindle.
2. From the PathPilot interface, on the **Rack ATC** tab, select **Store Current Tool**. The **Selected Pocket** drop-down menu selection defaults to **Auto Pocket**.



*Figure 64: Store Current Tool button on the Rack ATC tab.*

The machine moves to the first available ATC pocket and stores the tool in the ATC rack.

## Select a Specific Pocket

1. If you haven't yet done so, load a tool into the spindle.
2. From the PathPilot interface, on the **Rack ATC** tab, select a pocket from the **Target Rack Pocket** drop-down menu.

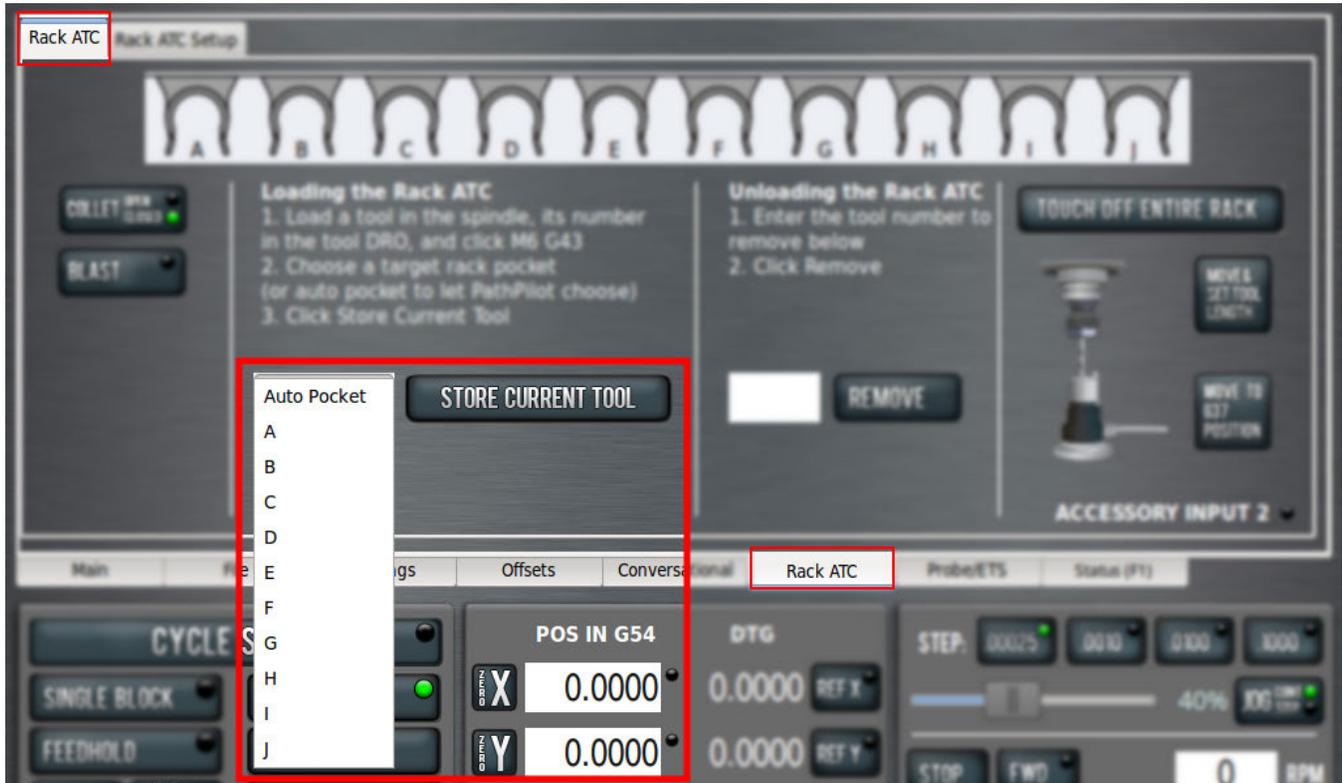


Figure 65: Selected Pocket drop-down menu on the Rack ATC tab.

3. Select **Store Current Tool**.  
The machine moves to the selected ATC pocket and stores the tool in the ATC rack.

## Fetch a Tool from the ATC Rack

1. From the PathPilot interface, in the **Tool Number** DRO field, type the desired tool number. Then select the **Enter** key.



Figure 66: Tool Number DRO field.

2. In the **Use ATC to fetch tool #?** dialog box, select **Yes**.  
The spindle moves to the selected tool and loads it into the spindle.

## Remove a Tool from the ATC Rack

1. From PathPilot interface, on the **Rack ATC** tab, in the **Remove DRO** field, type the tool number. Then select the **Enter** key.

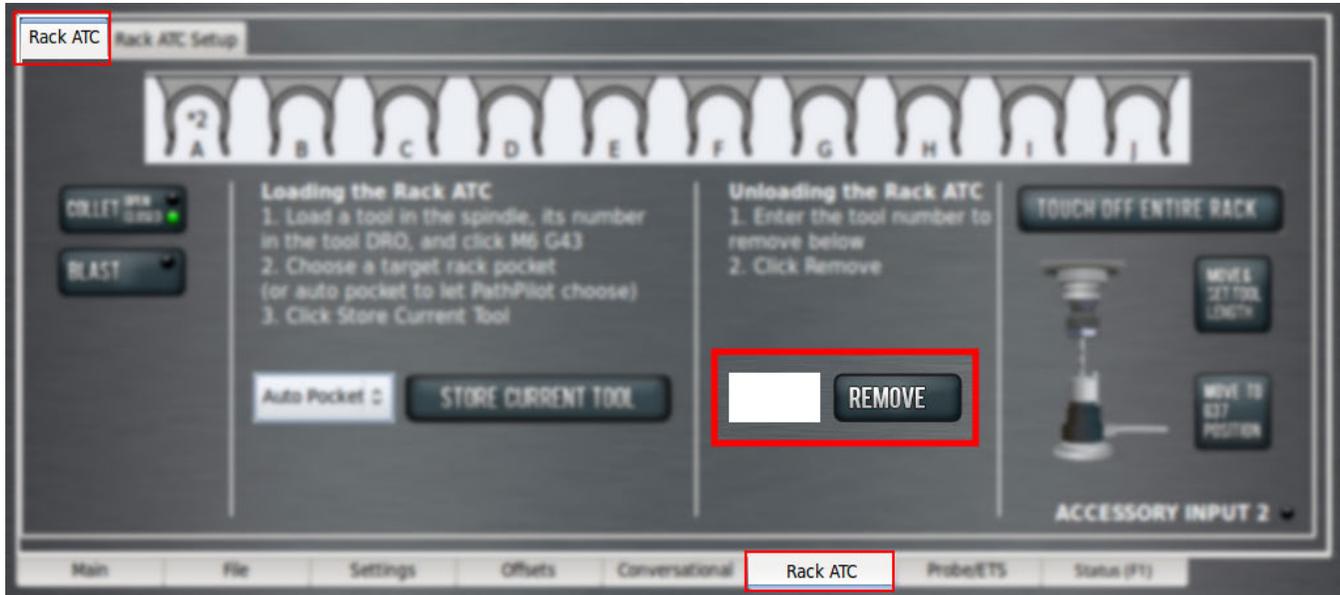


Figure 67: Remove DRO field on the Rack ATC tab.

2. Select **Remove**.  
The machine fetches the selected tool from the ATC rack, deletes the tool number from the ATC, and returns to the tool loading position.
3. With one hand, support the tool holder in the spindle.
4. With the other hand, press and hold the power drawbar button of the front of the spindle head.  
The tool releases.
5. From the PathPilot interface, in the dialog box, select **OK**.  
The dialog box closes and PathPilot changes the current tool number in the **Tool Number** DRO to 0.

## Measure a Tool

1. If you haven't yet done so, load a tool into the spindle.
2. From the PathPilot interface, on the **ATC** tab, select **Move & Set Tool Length**.

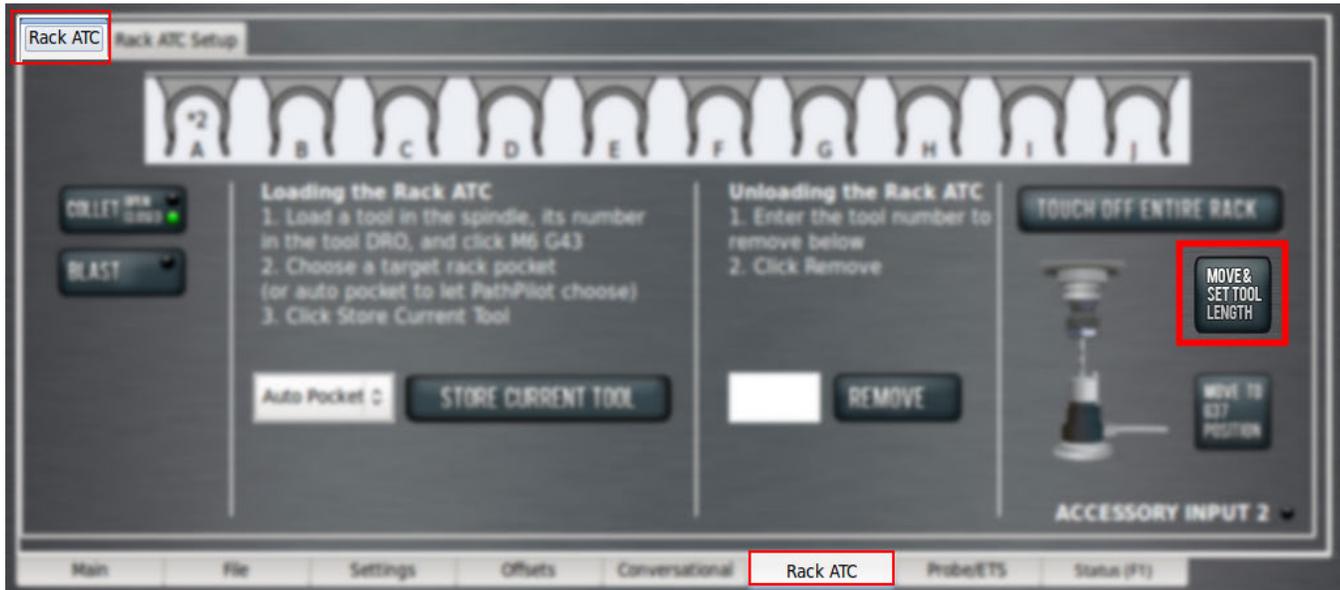


Figure 68: Move & Set Tool Length button on the Rack ATC tab.

The machine moves to the tool setter, measures the tool, and applies the offsets in the **Tool Table** window (on the **Offsets** tab).

3. Store the tool into the ATC. For information, see "Store the Current Tool into the ATC Rack" (page 49).

## Touch Off Entire ATC Rack

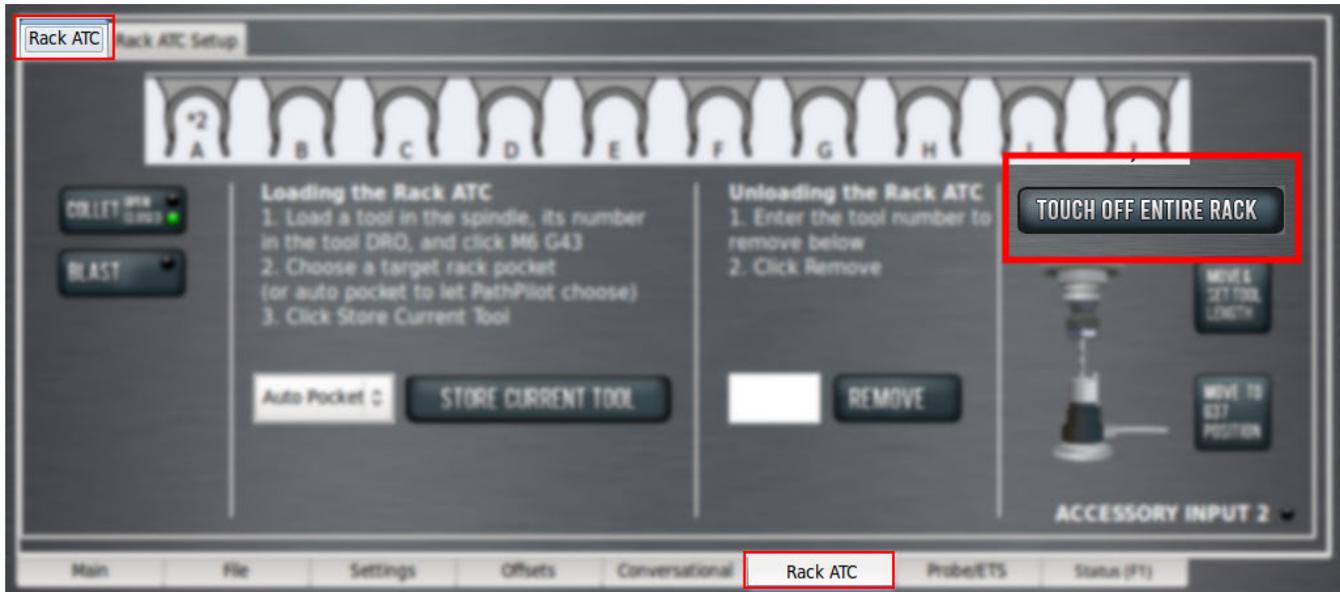
Rather than loading and measuring each tool separately, you can instead use the machine and an Electronic Tool Setter (ETS) to measure all of the tools that are loaded in the ATC rack.

1. If you haven't yet done so, load all of the desired tools into the ATC rack.
2. If you haven't yet done so, set up the ETS. For information, see the operator's manual.



**Note:** Even if you've previously set up the ETS, you must repeat the procedure after installing the new ATC spindle.

- From the PathPilot interface, on the **ATC** tab, select **Touch Off Entire Rack**.



*Figure 69: Touch Off Entire Rack button.*

The machine fetches each tool from the ATC rack, measures the tool with the ETS, and then stores the tool back into the ATC rack. The machine repeats this process for all tools stored in the ATC rack.

## Programming

### Dust Shoe Control (M27 and M28)

To raise or retract the dust shoe, program: M27

To lower or extend the dust shoe, program: M28

For more information on programming, refer to your machine's operator's manual.