

Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and SOP Development for High-Speed Precision Machining

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Abstract

High-speed precision machining (HSPM) is widely used in modern manufacturing to achieve superior accuracy, tighter tolerances, and improved productivity. However, the increased spindle speeds, advanced tooling systems, and automated material-handling operations introduce significant safety risks for operators and maintenance personnel. This project focuses on the systematic development of a comprehensive Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) tailored for high-speed precision machining environments. The JSA component of the project identifies, evaluates, and prioritizes potential hazards associated with machine setup, tool changes, part loading/unloading, cutting operations, chip evacuation, coolant handling, and routine maintenance. Each task is analyzed to determine possible failure modes, the likelihood of occurrence, and the severity of consequences. Control measures engineering, administrative, and personal protective equipment (PPE) are proposed to mitigate risks to acceptable levels. Based on the findings of the JSA, detailed and user-friendly SOPs are developed to ensure consistent, safe, and efficient workflow practices. These SOPs include step-by-step operational guidelines, pre-operation checklists, emergency procedures, lockout-tagout (LOTO) instructions, and communication protocols. The project also emphasizes operator training, compliance with OSHA and ISO safety standards, and integration of continuous improvement practices to maintain safety performance over time. Overall, this project enhances workplace safety, minimizes the probability of accidents, reduces machine downtime, and fosters a culture of risk awareness in high-speed precision machining operations.

Keywords: JSA, HSPC, SOP Development, Workplace Safety, Hazard Assessment, Risk Mitigation, Manufacturing Operations, CNC Machining, LOTO, Occupational Safety.

1. Introduction

High-speed precision machining (HSPM) plays a vital role in modern manufacturing industries by enabling high productivity, superior surface finish, and dimensional accuracy. It is widely used in sectors such as aerospace, automotive, defense, and precision engineering, where tight tolerances and complex component geometries are required. However, the increased spindle speeds, rapid tool movements, high cutting forces, and automated systems involved in HSPM significantly elevate the level of operational risk. Common hazards include tool breakage, flying chips, entanglement with rotating components, electrical exposure, ergonomic stress, excessive

noise, and chemical contact from coolants. If not properly controlled, these hazards can result in serious injuries, equipment damage, and production downtime. Job Safety Analysis (JSA) is a systematic technique used to identify job-specific hazards by breaking down each task into logical steps and evaluating the associated risks. JSA helps in understanding how accidents may occur and enables the selection of appropriate control measures based on the hierarchy of controls. When effectively implemented, JSA transforms safety from a reactive approach into a proactive risk prevention system. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) serve as documented instructions that define safe and

standardized methods for performing tasks. SOPs developed using JSA findings ensure that identified hazards and control measures are directly integrated into daily operations. This linkage strengthens operational discipline, reduces dependence on individual experience, and promotes uniform safety practices across shifts [1-4]. The integration of JSA and SOP development is particularly critical in high-speed precision machining environments due to the complexity of machine-operator interactions. A structured JSA-based SOP framework not only improves compliance with statutory requirements such as OSHA and ISO 45001 but also enhances safety awareness, consistency, and overall productivity. Therefore, this project focuses on developing and validating JSA and SOPs for high-speed precision machining to minimize risks and establish a sustainable safety culture within the manufacturing workplace.

2. Literature Review

Several studies highlight the importance of Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in reducing workplace accidents across industrial environments. Timpani Arista et al. (2025) analyzed machine maintenance hazards in the cement industry using the JSA method and identified 31 hazard sources across physical, chemical, ergonomic, biological, and psychological categories. Their findings showed that more than half of the hazards were classified as high risk, emphasizing the effectiveness of JSA in systematic hazard identification and control planning. Rangga and Uliya (2025) combined JSA and HAZOP methods to evaluate safety conditions in a welding workshop. Their study revealed that employee negligence and poor PPE compliance were major contributors to accidents, highlighting the role of structured hazard identification and safety awareness in accident prevention. Similarly, Bima Putra Pranoto and Ferida Yuamita (2025) applied JSA in a milling station and demonstrated that enforcement of PPE, supervision, and standardized procedures significantly improved safety and productivity. Muh. Dawami Sholichin et al. (2025) integrated JSA with risk assessment in sizing machine operations, identifying serious ergonomic and mechanical hazards. Their results

stressed the importance of continuous monitoring and discipline in OHS practices. Paul Sukpto et al. (2025) further emphasized that SOP implementation within SMK3 frameworks enhances employee awareness, operational consistency, and safety performance. Earlier studies by Djunaidi and Umami (2024), Luqman Hakim et al. (2024), and Manoj Khanna et al. (2022) consistently confirmed that JSA improves hazard recognition, reduces unsafe acts, and supports stronger safety culture. Chandrashekharaiyah (2019) highlighted that as high-speed machining advances, structured safety systems such as JSA-based SOPs become increasingly critical. Overall, the literature supports integrating JSA and SOP development as an effective approach for managing risks in high-speed precision machining environments [5-8].

3. Methodology

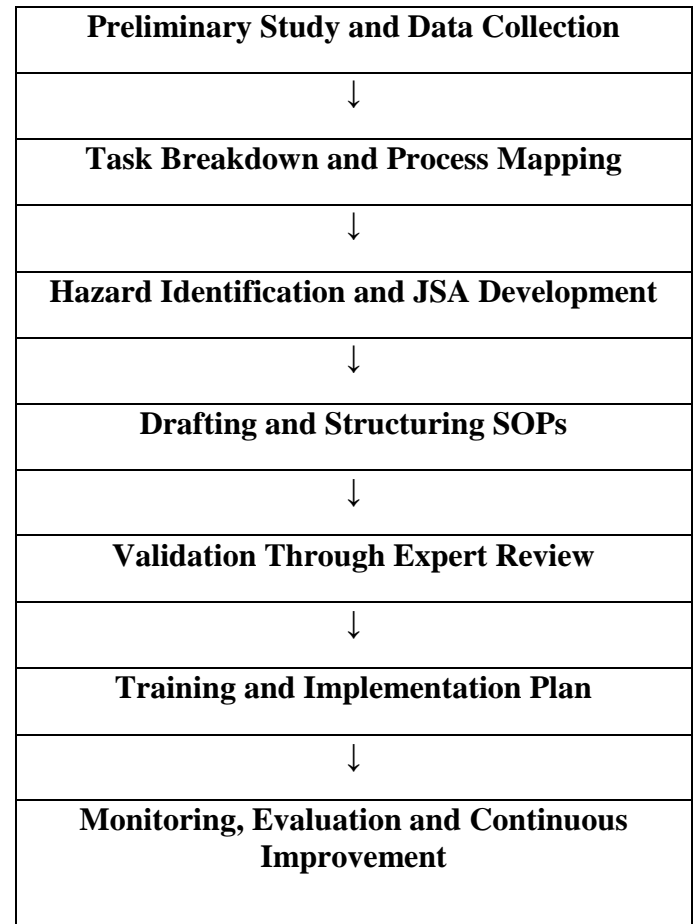


Figure 1 Methodology

3.1. Preliminary Study and Data Collection

The preliminary study and data collection phase form the foundation for effective Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) development in high-speed precision machining (HSPM) operations. HSPM involves advanced CNC machines, high spindle speeds, automated systems, and specialized tooling, which significantly increase the potential for mechanical, electrical, ergonomic, chemical, and thermal hazards. Therefore, a structured approach to understanding the working environment is essential before conducting detailed risk analysis. This phase begins with a review of applicable safety regulations and standards, including OSHA guidelines and ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems. These standards provide a framework for hazard identification, machine guarding, lockout–tagout (LOTO), PPE usage, and continuous safety improvement [9-12]. Industry best practices related to high-speed machining are also reviewed to identify common risk areas and preventive strategies. Direct observation of the machining environment is then conducted to understand actual work practices, operator behavior, equipment interaction, and ergonomic conditions. Activities such as machine setup, tool change, part handling, cutting operations, chip evacuation, and maintenance are closely monitored to identify unsafe acts and hidden hazards. Historical data including incident reports, near-miss records, and maintenance logs are collected and analyzed. This information helps identify recurring hazards, equipment failure trends, and human-factor issues. Together, these inputs provide a comprehensive understanding of workplace risks and form a reliable basis for developing effective JSA and practical, enforceable SOPs. The preliminary safety data analysis reveals several critical concerns across incident records, equipment condition, environment, and human factors. A total of 18 incidents per year, including 5 lost-time injuries, indicates moderate safety performance, though the zero-fatality target has been maintained. Near-miss events remain high at 72 cases annually, with a low reporting compliance of 58%, highlighting weak preventive controls and safety culture gaps. Maintenance data show

reliability issues, with MTBF limited to 210 hours and 26 unplanned breakdowns per year, primarily due to mechanical and electrical failures. Environmental monitoring identified excessive noise levels, elevated heat exposure, and insufficient lighting, increasing operational risk. Ergonomic assessment revealed heavy manual handling and high repetitive motions contributing to fatigue. Human factors account for 43% of incident causes, supported by low PPE compliance and incomplete training coverage. These findings emphasize the urgent need for structured JSA implementation, strengthened SOPs, improved engineering controls, and enhanced safety training to reduce risks and improve overall operational performance.

3.2. Task Breakdown and Process Mapping

High-Speed Precision Machining (HSPM) involves complex interactions between CNC machines, tooling systems, materials, and human operators. Due to high spindle speeds, automated motions, and tight tolerances, each operational step carries potential safety risks, operational inefficiencies, and quality deviations. Therefore, systematic task breakdown and process mapping are essential to establish an effective Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and develop practical Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The task breakdown process begins with identifying all major and minor activities involved in HSPM operations. Major tasks include machine setup, workpiece loading and unloading, tool selection and tool change, cutting operations, chip evacuation, coolant handling, cleaning, inspection, and maintenance. Minor tasks such as program verification, offset setting, shift handover, and housekeeping are also documented, as these activities often contribute to hidden or overlooked hazards. This classification ensures that no operational step is excluded from safety evaluation [13-17]. Each identified task is analyzed in relation to operator involvement, machine interaction, and environmental conditions. Machine setup and calibration are recognized as high-risk stages due to misalignment, pinch points, and electrical exposure. Loading and unloading tasks present ergonomic and crush hazards, while tool change operations introduce risks from sharp tools and accidental spindle activation.

Table 1 Incident, Near-Miss & Maintenance Records

Sl. No.	Category	Statistical Parameter	Measured Value	Unit	Remarks / Interpretation
1	Incident Reports	Total incidents	18	cases/year	Slightly above industry average.
2	Incident Reports	Lost-time injuries (LTI)	5	cases/year	Moderate severity.
3	Incident Reports	First-aid cases	13	cases/year	Mostly minor cuts & burns.
4	Incident Reports	Fatal incidents	0	cases/year	Zero-fatality target achieved.
5	Incident Reports	Incident rate	4.6	per 100 workers	Needs reduction.
6	Incident Reports	Severity index	2.8	/5	Medium–high severity.
7	Incident Reports	Frequency rate	6.2	per 200,000 hrs	Based on OSHA formula.
8	Incident Reports	Working hours analyzed	580,000	hours/year	Used for rate calculations.
9	Incident Reports	Avg. recovery days per LTI	7.8	days	Higher than recommended.
10	Near-Miss Events	Total near misses	72	events/year	High → insufficient controls.
11	Near-Miss Events	Near-miss/incident ratio	4:1	ratio	Ideal = 10:1.
12	Near-Miss Events	Reporting compliance	58	%	Low reporting culture.
13	Near-Miss Events	Potential severity	3.6	/5 index	Could cause severe injuries.
14	Near-Miss Events	Coolant spill near misses	23	events	Slip & chemical exposure hazard.
15	Near-Miss Events	Behavior-related near misses	19	events	Operator error.
16	Near-Miss Events	Machine-related near misses	14	events	Indicates mechanical issues.
17	Maintenance Logs	Planned PM tasks	140	tasks/year	Required for reliability.
18	Maintenance Logs	Completed PM tasks	118	tasks/year	84% completion.

19	Maintenance Logs	Overdue PM tasks	22	tasks/year	Contributes to breakdowns.
20	Maintenance Logs	Unplanned breakdowns	26	failures/year	High frequency.
21	Maintenance Logs	Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF)	210	hours	Should be 350–500 hrs.
22	Maintenance Logs	Mean Time To Repair (MTTR)	3.2	hours	Acceptable range.
23	Maintenance Logs	Breakdown rate increase (YoY)	11	%	Needs root-cause analysis.
24	Maintenance Logs	Electrical failures	7	failures/year	Sensor & wiring issues.
25	Maintenance Logs	Mechanical failures	19	failures/year	Belts, bearings, spindles.
26	Equipment Condition	Tool breakage incidents	22	tools/year	High-speed wear.
27	Equipment Condition	Tool life deviation	-18	%	Due to aggressive feeds/speeds.
28	Equipment Condition	Out-of-range spindle vibration	9	occurrences	Risk of catastrophic failure.
29	Equipment Condition	Coolant system leaks	15	leaks/year	Slip & chemical risk.
30	Equipment Condition	Chip conveyor jams	9	events	Impacts cooling & accuracy.
31	Equipment Condition	Misalignment events	6	cases	Results in tool damage.
32	Equipment Condition	Safety interlock failures	4	events	High-severity hazard.
33	Environment	Average noise level	89–102	dB	Above OSHA limits.
34	Environment	Heat exposure (near spindle)	39–52	°C	Requires heat-resistant PPE.
35	Environment	Coolant mist concentration	0.8–1.5	mg/m ³	Near exposure limits.
36	Environment	Floor slip coefficient	0.42–0.55	μ	<0.5 is hazardous.
37	Environment	Lighting intensity	480–620	lux	Below required 750+ lux.
38	Ergonomics	Avg. workpiece weight	8–21	Kg	Risk of musculoskeletal injuries.
39	Ergonomics	Repetitive	280–460	motions	High

		motions/day			ergonomic load.
40	Ergonomics	Fatigue reports	12	reports/year	Due to long shifts.
41	Human Factors	PPE compliance	68	%	Below safe threshold.
42	Human Factors	SOP non-compliance	26	%	Indicates procedural gaps.
43	Human Factors	Unauthorized machine access	3	cases/year	High-risk behavior.
44	Human Factors	Training completion	72	%	Should exceed 95%.
45	Human Factors	Operator error contribution	43	%	Major incident factor.
46	Root-Cause	Mechanical root-cause contribution	31	%	Needs engineering controls.
47	Root-Cause	Human-factor contribution	43	%	Highest contributor.
48	Root-Cause	Environmental causes	18	%	Coolant, chips, noise, heat.
49	Root-Cause	SOP inadequacy	8	%	Indicates need for revision.
50	Corrective Actions	Corrective action closure rate	82	%	Acceptable but improvable.
51	Corrective Actions	Pending high-risk actions	9	items	Needs urgent attention.
52	Corrective Actions	Repeat incidents after closure	4	events	Suggests ineffective measures.
53	Audits	Audit compliance	76	%	Below standard ($\geq 90\%$).
54	Productivity Impact	Total machine downtime	83	hours/year	Affects output.
55	Productivity Impact	Productivity loss due to incidents	2.3	%	Significant in precision machining.
56	Cost Analysis	Annual maintenance cost	67,000	USD/year	Includes tools & parts.
57	Cost Analysis	Annual cost of accidents	225,000	USD/year	Includes LTI, downtime, replacements.

Table 2 Example of Process Flow For HSPM

Stage	Task	Equipment/ Tooling	Potential Hazards
Setup	Align workpiece, calibrate axes	CNC machine, fixtures, measuring instruments	Pinch points, misalignment, tool breakage
Loading/ Unloading	Place workpiece, remove finished part	Hoist, clamps, gloves	Musculoskeletal injury, pinch, crush, slips
Tool Change	Select/install tool	Tool holder, torque wrench	Cuts, entanglement, flying debris
Cutting	Execute machining	High-speed spindle, cutting tool	Flying chips, heat, noise, vibration
Chip Evacuation	Remove debris	Chip conveyor, vacuum	Slips, chemical exposure, lacerations
Coolant Handling	Apply coolant	Pump, coolant container	Skin irritation, slips, chemical hazard
Cleaning	Clear debris, wipe surfaces	Brush, cloth	Eye injury, repetitive strain
Routine Inspection	Inspect wear, alignment	Calipers, gauges	Contact with moving parts
Maintenance	Replace parts, lubricate	Spindles, belts, LOTO system	Electrical shock, pinch, fatigue

Cutting operations pose significant mechanical, thermal, and noise hazards due to flying chips, vibration, and high temperatures. Maintenance activities carry elevated risks related to electrical energy, moving components, and human error. Process mapping is then used to visualize the complete machining workflow. A step-by-step flowchart is developed to represent task sequences, decision points, and material flow. Hazard locations are annotated at each stage, allowing identification of critical control points that require engineering, administrative, or PPE-based controls. This structured mapping provides a clear foundation for JSA preparation and SOP development. Overall, task breakdown and process mapping enable comprehensive hazard identification, standardized work practices, effective training design, and regulatory compliance. This approach ensures safer operations, improved consistency, and sustained safety performance in high-speed precision

machining environments [18-19].

3.3. Hazard Identification and JSA Development

Hazard identification and Job Safety Analysis (JSA) development form the core of an effective safety management system in high-speed precision machining (HSPM) environments. Due to high spindle speeds, automated movements, sharp cutting tools, and continuous operator interaction, HSPM operations present significant safety challenges. A systematic approach is therefore essential to identify hazards, evaluate risks, and implement appropriate control measures. The hazard identification process begins with a detailed examination of each task identified during task breakdown and process mapping. Both routine and non-routine activities such as machine setup, tool change, workpiece loading and unloading, machining operations, chip evacuation, coolant handling, inspection, cleaning, and maintenance are analyzed. Hazards are classified

Table 3 Quantified Risk Assessment for Hazards in High-Speed Precision Machining (HSPM)

Hazard Scenario	Likelihood (L)	Likelihood Description	Estimated Probability (%)	Occurrence Frequency	Severity (S)	Severity Description	Risk Rating (RR = L×S)	Risk Category	Risk Priority Level	Explanation / Notes
Tool breakage during high-speed cutting (flying chips & fragments)	4	Likely occurs several times per year	40–60% probability	Monthly or quarterly events	5	Catastrophic possible eye injury, deep laceration, permanent disability	20	CRITICAL	Top Priority (Rank 1)	High spindle rpm increases kinetic energy; misalignment and tool wear elevate risk significantly.
Electrical fault during preventive maintenance	1–2	Rare few recorded cases	5–10% probability	Occurs every 2–5 years	5	Fatal electric shock or arc flash can cause death	5–10	HIGH (Low-likelihood/High-severity)	Priority 2	Rare but extremely dangerous; requires strict LOTO and qualified personnel.
Coolant spillage causing minor slips	4–5	Very likely common in machining areas	70–85% probability	Weekly or daily occurrences	2–3	Minor to moderate injury—sprains, bruises	8–15	MEDIUM to HIGH	Priority 3	Frequent hazard affecting productivity; easily mitigated with housekeeping controls.
Pinch points during workpiece loading/unloading	3	Possible happens occasionally	25–40% probability	Monthly	4	Major injury—finger crush, fracture	12	HIGH	Priority 4	High hand-contact operations increase risk; training & guarding needed.

Exposure to hot chips during cutting	4	Likely common in high-speed machining	50–70% probability	Weekly	3	Moderate—burns, skin irritation	12	HIGH	Priority 5	Requires PPE (gloves, face shield) and chip shield installations.
Chemical exposure from coolants/lubricants	3	Possible	20–35% probability	Monthly	3	Moderate—dermatitis, eye irritation	9	MEDIUM	Priority 6	Chemical aerosols and skin contact require ventilation and PPE.
Noise exposure during high-speed cutting	5	Almost certain continuous exposure	90–100% probability	Daily	3	Moderate—hearing damage	15	HIGH	Priority 7	Continuous hazard; requires mandatory hearing protection.
Manual handling of heavy workpieces (ergonomic strain)	3–4	Possible to likely	30–50% probability	Weekly	3	Moderate—back strain, MSD	9–12	MEDIUM/HIGH	Priority 8	Mechanical lifting aids and ergonomic training reduce likelihood significantly.
Unexpected machine start during cleaning or inspection	2	Unlikely	10–15% probability	Annually	5	Catastrophic—amputation, severe crushing	10	HIGH	Priority 9	Controlled by strict LOTO enforcement; low frequency but severe consequences.
Sharp chip handling resulting in cuts	4	Likely	50–70% probability	Weekly	2	Minor injury—cuts, bleeding	8	MEDIUM	Priority 10	Easily controlled with chip tools and gloves.

into mechanical, electrical, thermal, ergonomic, chemical, physical, and human-factor categories to ensure comprehensive coverage. Mechanical hazards were found to be dominant, particularly those associated with rotating spindles, tool breakage, pinch points, and flying chips. Electrical hazards arise mainly during machine maintenance and troubleshooting, emphasizing the importance of strict Lockout-Tagout (LOTO) procedures. Thermal hazards from hot chips and workpieces, ergonomic risks from manual handling and repetitive motions, and chemical exposure from cutting fluids were also identified as significant contributors to injury potential. In addition, administrative and behavioral hazards such as inadequate training, fatigue, and SOP non-compliance were recognized as critical influencing factors. Risk assessment was conducted using a likelihood-severity matrix to quantify risk levels and prioritize control actions. High-risk activities, including high-speed cutting, tool installation, chip handling, and maintenance tasks, were addressed with priority controls. Based on the hierarchy of controls, engineering measures such as machine enclosures, interlocks, and guards were emphasized, supported by administrative controls including SOPs, training, supervision, and work permits. Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) was specified as a final layer of protection. The developed JSA provides a structured, task-based framework linking hazards with preventive measures. It serves as a foundation for SOP development, regulatory compliance, operator training, and continuous safety improvement. Overall, systematic hazard identification and JSA implementation significantly enhance risk control, operational consistency, and safety performance in high-speed precision machining environments.

3.4. Drafting and Structuring Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) play a vital role in ensuring safe, consistent, and efficient operations in high-speed precision machining (HSPM) environments. Due to the presence of high spindle speeds, automated movements, sharp cutting tools, and complex CNC systems, even minor deviations from standard practices can result in

serious accidents, equipment damage, or production losses. Following the completion of Job Safety Analysis (JSA), SOPs serve as a practical mechanism to convert identified hazards and risk control measures into clear operational instructions. The drafting of SOPs is guided by task-specific principles, ensuring that each procedure corresponds directly to a defined machining activity such as machine setup, tool selection and change, workpiece loading and unloading, cutting operations, chip evacuation, coolant handling, inspection, cleaning, and maintenance. Each SOP integrates the safety controls identified during the JSA process, including engineering controls such as guards, interlocks, and enclosures; administrative controls such as permits, supervision, and authorization; and mandatory personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements to enhance usability, SOPs are structured in a logical and sequential format. Procedures are divided into pre-operation, operation, post-operation, and emergency response phases to ensure that no critical safety step is overlooked. Instructions are written in simple, unambiguous language supported by checklists, warning symbols, and visual aids such as diagrams or flowcharts. Embedded safety reminders within each step reinforce operator awareness of hazards related to pinch points, flying chips, electrical energy, heat, and chemical exposure. Regulatory compliance forms an essential component of SOP development. The procedures are aligned with OSHA requirements, ISO 45001 occupational health and safety standards, and recognized industry best practices to ensure legal conformity and systematic risk management. Accessibility is also emphasized by displaying SOPs at workstations in both printed and digital formats, enabling quick reference during operations. SOPs are treated as living documents. Feedback from operators, incident investigations, audit findings, and technological changes are periodically reviewed and incorporated. This continuous improvement approach ensures that SOPs remain relevant, practical, and effective in enhancing safety performance and operational reliability in high-speed precision machining environments which is explained in Tables 1 – 4 and Figure 1.

Table 4 High-Speed Precision Machining (HSPM)

SOP Section	Description / Content	Activities Covered	Safety Considerations Integrated	Reference to JSA Findings	Responsibility	Documentation / Records
SOP Identification	Unique SOP number and title	Machine name, operation type	Traceability and version control	Ensures correct procedure selection	Safety officer	SOP master list
Purpose	Defines objective of SOP	Safe and standardized machining	Prevents ambiguity	Derived from hazard analysis	Management	SOP header
Scope	Specifies applicability	Operators, maintenance, supervisors	Prevents unauthorized operation	Linked to task-based JSA	Safety department	SOP document
Definitions	Explains technical terms	CNC, RPM, LOTO, PPE	Improves understanding	Human-factor hazards addressed	Safety officer	SOP glossary
Responsibilities	Role allocation	Operator, supervisor, maintenance	Accountability	Addresses admin hazards	Department head	Responsibility matrix
Required PPE	PPE specification	Helmet, goggles, gloves, ear plugs	Prevents exposure hazards	PPE identified in JSA	Operator	PPE checklist
Tools & Equipment	Lists tools required	Tool holders, gauges, fixtures	Prevents improper tool usage	Wrong-tool hazards	Operator	Tool checklist
Pre-operation Checklist	Machine readiness	Guards, interlocks, E-stop	Prevents startup hazards	Electrical & mechanical risks	Operator	Pre-start checklist
Machine Startup Procedure	Safe startup sequence	Power ON, warm-up cycle	Electrical shock prevention	Startup hazards	Operator	Startup log
Tool Selection Procedure	Correct tool selection	Tool material, size, code	Prevents tool breakage	Tool-related hazards	Operator	Tool chart
Tool Installation Procedure	Safe tool mounting	Clamping, torque application	Hand injury prevention	Sharp-edge hazards	Operator	Tool setup record
Tool Offset Setting	Setting tool length	Probe operation	Pinch-point control	Offset hazards	Operator	Offset log
Workpiece	Material	Lifting,	Ergonomic	Manual	Operator	Handling record

Handling	handling	positioning	safety	handling risk		
Workpiece Clamping	Fixture operation	Hydraulic/pneumatic clamp	Crush hazard prevention	Pinch-point hazard	Operator	Fixture checklist
Program Verification	CNC program validation	Dry run, simulation	Prevents collision	Program error hazards	Supervisor	Program approval
Machining Operation	Cutting process	Cycle start, monitoring	Flying chip protection	High-speed hazards	Operator	Production log
Process Monitoring	Observation rules	Safe distance, enclosure	Exposure prevention	Monitoring hazards	Operator	Observation record
Alarm Handling Procedure	Response to alarms	Pause, reset, analysis	Panic prevention	Human-factor hazards	Operator	Alarm log
Tool Breakage Handling	Abnormal condition	Machine stop, isolation	Fragment protection	Tool failure hazards	Operator	Incident record
Chip Evacuation	Chip removal method	Chip hook usage	Cut injury prevention	Sharp chip hazard	Operator	Housekeeping log
Coolant Handling	Coolant usage	Mixing, topping	Chemical exposure control	Chemical hazards	Operator	MSDS record
Inspection Procedure	Quality checking	Measuring, deburring	Sharp-edge control	Burr-related hazards	Operator	Inspection report
Post-operation Checklist	Shutdown activities	Cleaning, power OFF	Prevents residual risk	End-of-job hazards	Operator	Shutdown checklist
Machine Shutdown	Safe shutdown	Sequence and isolation	Prevents unexpected motion	Energy hazards	Operator	Shutdown log
Cleaning Procedure	Housekeeping	Chip removal, oil wiping	Slip prevention	Housekeeping hazards	Operator	Cleaning checklist
Maintenance Interface	Maintenance coordination	Work permit, LOTO	Unexpected startup prevention	Maintenance hazards	Maintenance team	Permit record
LOTO Procedure	Energy isolation	Electrical, hydraulic lock	Fatal hazard prevention	High-risk JSA steps	Authorized person	LOTO log
Emergency Procedure	Emergency handling	Fire, injury, power failure	Life protection	Emergency hazards	All personnel	ERP record
Fire Safety Procedure	Fire response	Extinguisher use	Fire control	Fire hazard	Trained staff	Fire drill log
Shift Handover	Information transfer	Job status, abnormalities	Prevents communication gap	Admin hazards	Operator	Handover register

Training Requirement	Skill requirement	SOP training, refreshers	Competency assurance	Training gaps	HR / Safety	Training record
Compliance Monitoring	SOP audit	Observation, checklist	Ensures adherence	Non-compliance risks	Safety officer	Audit report
Revision & Review	SOP updating	Periodic review	Continuous improvement	Feedback-based	Safety committee	Revision history

3.5. Validation through Expert Review

Validation is a critical step in refining the JSA and SOPs. In the upcoming days, the project team will conduct comprehensive reviews with key stakeholders, including safety officers, machine operators, and supervisors. These reviews aim to evaluate the clarity, feasibility, and completeness of the documents. Experts will assess whether each task description, hazard identification, and control measure accurately reflect operational realities. Feedback will be collected regarding potential gaps, ambiguous instructions, or challenges in implementing safety controls. Based on this input, the JSA and SOPs will be revised to address operational constraints, ensuring that they are both practical and enforceable. This collaborative approach also encourages operator buy-in and reinforces a safety-first culture. Validation through expert review is a crucial stage in the development of Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for high-speed precision machining (HSPM). While hazard identification and SOP drafting provide a theoretical and structured safety framework, validation ensures that these documents accurately reflect real-world operating conditions. High-speed machining environments involve complex interactions between machines, tools, materials, and human operators. Therefore, expert involvement is essential to confirm that the developed JSA and SOPs are technically sound, practically feasible, and aligned with actual shop-floor practices. The primary objective of expert validation is to evaluate the effectiveness, clarity, accuracy, and applicability of the proposed safety measures. This process helps identify gaps, inconsistencies, or impractical instructions that may not be apparent during document development. Validation also strengthens

regulatory compliance, improves operational acceptance, and enhances the overall reliability of the safety management system.

3.5.1. Selection of Experts

Safety Officers: Responsible for evaluating compliance with occupational safety regulations, OSHA guidelines, and ISO 45001 standards. **Production Supervisors:** Provide insight into workflow feasibility, production targets, and operational constraints. **Experienced Machine Operators:** Offer practical knowledge of machine behavior, tool performance, and real-time operational challenges. **Maintenance Engineers:** Review LOTO procedures, maintenance safety steps, and equipment-related hazards. **Quality Engineers (where applicable):** Ensure that safety controls do not compromise product quality or machining accuracy. The inclusion of multiple stakeholders ensures that the validation process addresses safety, productivity, maintenance, and quality perspectives simultaneously.

3.5.2. Review Methodology

The expert review process follows a structured and systematic approach. Initially, the developed JSA sheets and SOP documents are shared with the experts prior to review meetings. This allows reviewers sufficient time to study the content and prepare observations.

During review sessions, each machining task is discussed sequentially, including machine startup, tool setting, part loading, cutting operations, chip evacuation, coolant handling, inspection, and maintenance. Experts examine whether:

- Task descriptions accurately represent actual work practices
- All realistic hazards have been identified

- Risk levels are correctly assessed
- Control measures are adequate and prioritized correctly
- SOP steps are logically sequenced
- Emergency actions are clearly defined

Interactive discussions are encouraged to capture practical insights that may not be documented formally but are critical for safety.

3.5.3. Evaluation Criteria

- Clarity: Instructions must be simple, unambiguous, and easy to follow.
- Completeness: All critical steps and hazards must be covered without omission.
- Feasibility: Control measures must be realistic within shop-floor limitations.
- Safety Effectiveness: Controls should significantly reduce risk severity or likelihood.
- Compliance: Alignment with statutory and organizational safety requirements.
- Usability: SOPs should support quick reference during operations.

3.5.4. Feedback Collection and Documentation

Feedback from experts is collected through multiple methods, including structured review forms, group discussions, and direct observations. Comments are categorized into:

- Critical Corrections: Missing hazards, incorrect procedures, or unsafe instructions.
- Recommended Improvements: Suggestions to enhance clarity or efficiency.
- Operational Constraints: Limitations related to time, tooling, or machine configuration.
- Training Requirements: Areas where additional skill development is needed.

All feedback is documented systematically to maintain traceability and accountability. This documentation also supports future audits and continuous improvement initiatives.

3.5.5. Revision and Refinement of JSA and SOPs

Based on expert input, the JSA and SOP documents undergo systematic revision. Identified gaps are addressed by adding new hazards, modifying risk

ratings, or introducing additional control measures. For example, experts may recommend adding interlocks, improving fixture design, or strengthening administrative controls such as mandatory dry runs or supervisor approval steps. SOPs are refined by simplifying technical language, reordering steps for better workflow alignment, and adding visual cues or warning symbols. Emergency procedures and LOTO steps are often strengthened during this phase to ensure zero-energy verification and clear responsibility allocation. This iterative refinement ensures that the final documents are not merely theoretical safety guidelines but practical tools that can be consistently applied on the shop floor.

3.5.6. Validation of Practical Applicability

A key aspect of expert review is confirming real-world applicability. In some cases, selected SOP steps are demonstrated or simulated on the machine under controlled conditions. Experts observe whether operators can realistically follow the procedures without excessive disruption to productivity. This practical validation helps identify steps that may be technically correct but operationally inefficient. Adjustments are then made to balance safety and productivity, ensuring long-term adherence rather than procedural bypassing.

3.5.7. Enhancing Operator Acceptance and Safety Culture

One of the major benefits of expert validation is increased operator acceptance. When machine operators actively participate in the review process, they develop a sense of ownership over safety procedures. This involvement reduces resistance to change and promotes voluntary compliance. The collaborative review process reinforces the concept that safety is a shared responsibility rather than a top-down enforcement activity. It encourages open communication about near misses, unsafe conditions, and improvement opportunities, thereby strengthening the organization's safety culture.

3.5.8. Final Approval and Authorization

After incorporating all expert recommendations, the revised JSA and SOPs are submitted for final approval by management and the safety committee. Authorized signatures confirm that the documents are technically validated, legally compliant, and

approved for implementation. Version control details, revision history, and approval dates are updated to ensure proper document management. This formal authorization marks the transition from development to implementation.

3.5.9. Role of Validation in Continuous Improvement

Validation through expert review is not a one-time activity but forms the foundation for continuous improvement. The validated documents serve as baseline standards against which future incidents, audits, or process changes are evaluated. As machining technologies evolve, spindle speeds increase, or new tooling systems are introduced, expert revalidation ensures that safety measures remain relevant. Periodic reviews help maintain alignment with updated regulations, technological advancements, and organizational learning. Validation through expert review plays a vital role in ensuring the effectiveness of JSA and SOP development for high-speed precision machining. By involving safety professionals, supervisors, operators, and maintenance personnel, the project achieves a balanced integration of theoretical safety principles and practical operational knowledge. This structured validation process enhances document accuracy, strengthens compliance, promotes workforce participation, and supports sustainable safety performance. Ultimately, expert review transforms JSA and SOPs into reliable, enforceable, and continuously improving safety tools that significantly reduce workplace risks in high-speed machining environments.

3.6. Training and Implementation Plan

Following validation through expert review, a structured training and implementation program is initiated to ensure effective adoption of Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in high-speed precision machining (HSPM) operations. The success of this phase depends on systematically converting documented safety requirements into consistent workplace practices.

- Step 1: Training Need Identification

Training requirements are identified based on job roles, operational risks, incident history, and JSA findings. Operators, maintenance personnel,

supervisors, and safety staff are categorized to ensure role-specific learning.

- Step 2: Development of Training Modules

Training materials are developed using validated JSAs and SOPs. Modules cover hazard identification, machine-specific risks, PPE usage, emergency response, lockout–tagout procedures, and safe operating practices.

- Step 3: Classroom Training

Structured classroom sessions are conducted to explain the purpose of JSA, SOP structure, legal requirements, and common hazards in high-speed machining such as tool breakage, flying chips, noise, heat, and ergonomic stress.

- Step 4: Practical and Hands-On Training

Hands-on demonstrations are carried out on actual machines. Operators practice safe startup, tool installation, machining operations, and shutdown procedures under supervision to ensure correct execution.

- Step 5: Competency Evaluation and Authorization

Participants are assessed through written tests, practical demonstrations, and observation checklists. Only trained and competent personnel are authorized to operate machines independently.

- Step 6: Pilot Implementation

SOPs are initially implemented on selected machines or shifts to identify operational challenges and practical gaps before full-scale deployment.

- Step 7: Full-Scale Implementation

After successful pilot review, SOPs are rolled out across all machining areas. Laminated SOPs and checklists are displayed near machines for easy reference.

- Step 8: Monitoring and Supervision

Supervisors conduct routine compliance checks, record deviations, and provide immediate corrective guidance to reinforce safe behavior.

- Step 9: Continuous Improvement and Refresher Training

Incident data, near misses, and audit findings are periodically reviewed. Refresher training and SOP revisions are conducted to maintain long-term safety performance.

3.7. Monitoring, Evaluation and Continuous Improvement

Monitoring, evaluation, and continuous improvement represent the most critical phase in ensuring the long-term effectiveness of Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in high-speed precision machining (HSPM) environments. While implementation establishes safe work practices, sustained safety performance can only be achieved through systematic review and continuous control of operational risks. A structured monitoring system is established to assess SOP compliance under real shop-floor conditions. Daily workplace observations by supervisors verify adherence to operating procedures, PPE usage, machine guarding, and housekeeping standards. Periodic safety audits conducted weekly and monthly evaluate the effectiveness of engineering controls, emergency systems, lockout–tagout practices, and overall procedural discipline. Equipment safety systems such as interlocks, sensors, and emergency stops are regularly inspected to prevent high-severity failures. Evaluation is supported through clearly defined safety performance indicators, including incident frequency, near-miss trends, SOP deviation rates, audit closure performance, and training compliance. These indicators provide measurable insight into safety effectiveness and enable data-driven decision-making. Operator feedback collected through toolbox talks, suggestion systems, and post-implementation reviews plays a vital role in identifying practical challenges and ergonomic concerns that may not be visible during documentation stages. Near-miss reporting and incident investigations form a key component of continuous improvement. Each event is analyzed to determine immediate, root, and systemic causes, and findings are used to revise risk ratings, update SOP steps, and strengthen control measures. JSA and SOP documents are reviewed periodically or whenever changes occur in machinery, tooling, materials, or production processes. Strong documentation control, management review, and leadership involvement ensure accountability and resource support. Continuous improvement activities are integrated with PDCA cycles, safety audits, and ISO 45001

frameworks, enabling alignment between safety, productivity, and quality objectives. Through continuous monitoring, structured evaluation, and regular improvement actions, safety becomes a proactive management function. This systematic approach reduces accident potential, enhances compliance, strengthens operator confidence, and fosters a sustainable safety culture within high-speed precision machining operations.

4. Results and Discussion

The implementation of Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in high-speed precision machining (HSPM) resulted in notable improvements in safety performance, operational consistency, and hazard awareness. The study confirmed that a structured and systematic safety approach is highly effective in controlling risks associated with high-speed machining environments. Task breakdown and process mapping played a vital role in identifying all critical machining activities, including planning, machine setup, tool handling, machining, inspection, chip removal, coolant management, and maintenance. This detailed mapping revealed several previously overlooked tasks such as manual chip handling, tool offset verification, and shift handover communication, which were later identified as moderate- to high-risk activities. Including these tasks ensured comprehensive safety coverage. The hazard identification phase classified risks into mechanical, electrical, chemical, ergonomic, physical, and administrative categories. Mechanical hazards—particularly rotating spindles, flying chips, and tool breakage—were identified as the most severe due to their high injury potential. Ergonomic risks related to manual handling and prolonged standing also contributed significantly to operator fatigue. Risk assessment using severity–likelihood ranking highlighted high-risk tasks, which were effectively reduced to acceptable levels after applying engineering, administrative, and PPE controls in line with the hierarchy of controls. SOP development based on JSA findings significantly improved procedural clarity. Step-by-step instructions, pre-operation checklists, and emergency response procedures reduced dependence on operator

experience and standardized work practices across shifts. SOPs also strengthened compliance with OSHA and ISO 45001 requirements. Expert validation and structured training enhanced practicality and operator acceptance. Improved PPE compliance, safer chip-handling practices, and better adherence to pre-start checks were observed. Continuous monitoring further demonstrated positive trends, including increased near-miss reporting, improved housekeeping, reduced unsafe acts, and better audit compliance. The results confirm that integrating JSA with SOP development establishes a strong preventive safety system. The study demonstrates that safety and productivity can progress together, supporting the development of a proactive and sustainable safety culture in high-speed precision machining operations.

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrated the importance of systematic Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and structured Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) development for high-speed precision machining operations. Given the inherent risks associated with high spindle speeds, complex tooling systems, and automated material-handling processes, a proactive and methodical safety approach is essential to prevent accidents and ensure sustainable manufacturing performance. Through detailed task breakdown and hazard identification, critical risks related to machine setup, tool changes, cutting operations, chip evacuation, coolant handling, and maintenance activities were effectively identified and evaluated. The application of engineering, administrative, and personal protective control measures significantly reduced risk levels and improved overall operational safety. The SOPs developed based on JSA findings provided standardized, clear, and practical guidelines that enhanced consistency, compliance, and operator confidence. Validation through expert review, followed by structured training and implementation, strengthened workforce participation and safety awareness. Continuous monitoring and improvement mechanisms ensured adaptability to process changes and evolving industry standards. Overall, the project contributes to reduced accident potential, improved machine reliability, minimized downtime, and the

promotion of a strong safety culture. The integrated JSA–SOP framework established in this study can serve as an effective model for enhancing occupational safety in high-speed precision machining and similar advanced manufacturing environments.

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