



MINI TRAM + SQUARE SYSTEM

## GETTING STARTED

## LOADING THE TOOL

1. Making sure the set screws are sufficiently backed out, insert a 0.5" dial indicator into a hole for the selected diameter [2.5", 4.5"]

a. If the indicator doesn't insert smoothly, further back out the set screw - do not force it!

- 2. Pressing down firmly on the indicator so that its bottom sits flush with the tram tool, lightly tighten the set screw to lock into place
- 3. Repeat steps [1] + [2] for the second dial indicator on the tool's opposite arm
- 4. Holding the tram tool to ensure it doesn't fall out, tighten the unit into your machine using a 1/4" precision collet

## CALIBRATING INDICATORS

- 1. ! No two dial indicators are ever identical, so it is important to reference each to a common point before each use !
- 2. Select a single indicator to calibrate first, henceforth referred to as indicator #1
- 3. Lower the machine spindle onto an arbitrary flat point, until indicator #1 is depressed  $\sim 0.100$ ", then lock the machine's spindle and table
- 4. Turn indicator #1's face bezel until the needle reads 0.000"
- 5. Rotate the tram tool 180° so that indicator #2 now measures the same point indicator 1 was previously reading
- 6. Turn indicator #2's face bezel until the needle reads 0.000"
- 7. Both indicators should now be zeroed to a single point, and thus calibrated to each other

## TRAMMING + SQUARING

- 1. Rotate the tram tool so that the body is parallel to the length of the table, or parallel to the X-axis
- 2. Lower the spindle until the both indicators are depressed by ~0.100"
- 3. Make note of the discrepancy between the two indicators readings, and adjust the machine's head until both indicators display the same value
- 4. Rotate the tram tool so that the body is perpendicular to the length of the table, or parallel to the Y-axis
- 5. Repeat steps [2] & [3] for the Y-axis