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Turning	 All types of materials can be turned. Most versatile machine capable of producing external and internal circular profiles and flat surfaces. Low tooling cost. Large components can be turned. 	 Requires skilled labour. Low production rate. Close tolerances and fine finish cannobe achieved.
Boring	 All types of materials can be bored. Variety of internal circular profiles can be obtained. Low tooling cost. Large components can be bored. Provides better dimensional control and surface finish. 	 Requires skilled labour. Low production rate. Suitable for internal profiles only. Stiffness of boring bar is an importanconsideration.
Shaping	 Suitable for producing flat and contour profiles on small workpieces. Suitable for low production rate. Low tooling and equipment cost. 	 Requires skilled labour. Large size workpieces cannot be used. Only simple profiles can be obtained. Close tolerance and fine finish cannot be obtained.

Planing	 Suitable for producing flat and contour profiles on large workpieces. Suitable for low production rate. Low tooling cost. 	 Requires skilled labour. Only simple profiles can be obtained. Close tolerance and fine finish cannot be obtained.
Milling	 Variety of shapes including flats, slots and contours can be obtained. Versatile operation with wide variety of toolings and attachments. Suitable for low and medium production rate. Better dimensional control and surface finish. 	 Requires skilled labour. Tooling relatively more expansion.
Drilling	 Inexpensive tooling and equipment. Most suitable for producing round holes of various sizes. High production rate. Machine can be used for reaming and tapping. 	 Requires semi-skilled labour. Basically a rough machining operation.