

Basic Wood Turning Speed Guide

The following speeds are based on cutting speed of 26ft per. sec.						
(312"per/sec.= 18720"per/min. = 1560 ft. per/min. = 17.73 MPH. = 475.488 metres/min.)						
Work-piece Diameter Inches mm		Spindle Speed Guide RPM	(rpm as calc)	G force at periphery.	Rpm. for 100g	g force @ 500rpm.
24	610	250	248	21.35	541	85.34
22	559	270	271	24.28	565	78.23
20	508	300	298	25.6	593	71.12
18	457	330	331	27.88	625	64.01
16	406	375	372	32	663	56.9
14	356	425	426	35.97	709	49.78
12	305	500	497	42.67	765	42.67
10	254	600	597	51.21	838	35.56
8	203	750	743	64.01	937	28.45
6	152	1000	993	85.34	1082	21.34
4	102	1500	1490	128.02	1326	14.22
2	51	3000	2979	256.03	1875	7.11
1	25.4	6000	5958	512.06	2651	3.56

Caution: The above figures take no account of the condition of the wood, cracks, rot etc. or the limitations of any particular chuck, jaw set, or fixing method.

All factors that must be taken into consideration for personal safety, the g force figures may help in an appreciation of these factors.

Note: Minor rounding of some figures applied for clarity