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# Predictive maintenance solutions for machine tools reduce cost the Smart way

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Preventing unscheduled downtime is one of the most effective cost reduction measures in any production environment. Mitsubishi Electric is offering practical solutions for both machine tools and robots. At EMO 2019, Mitsubishi Electric will be demonstrating two of its predictive maintenance solutions available to customers.

Mitsubishi Electric and its e-F@ctory Alliance partner Lenord + Bauer have developed an advanced condition monitoring system for machine tools. It utilises smart encoders and a direct communication interface within Mitsubishi Electric machine controllers, such as CNCs, for accurate status information that is easy to access.

Operating hours are recorded and monitored along with temperature, speed and position by the <u>Lenord + Bauer MiniCODER</u> range. These parameters are then used to help schedule maintenance activities by providing an early warning message when component servicing or replacement are required. The ferromagnetic measuring gear and scanning unit can record speeds of up to 100,000 revolutions per minute, making the system ideal for feedback on machine tool spindles and positioning systems.

The second solution on the stand uses AI to increase the effectiveness of predictive maintenance. The cloud-based solution using the AI platform within IBM Watson analyses operational data and can optimise maintenance regimes based on actual usage and wear characteristics. It can be applied to robots and other equipment such as machine tools.

Both smart solutions demonstrate how predictive maintenance for machine tools and robots can reduce operational costs, increase asset productivity and improve process efficiency. Visitors to the stand can speak to Mitsubishi Electric's engineers to learn about additional predictive maintenance solutions that may also be appropriate for their applications.

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CNC and factory automation solutions from Mitsubishi Electric at EMO 2019 are located at: Hall 9 / D40.

Wire cutting and die sinking EDM machines from Mitsubishi Electric are located at: Hall 13 / B92.

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# **Image Captions:**



**Image 1:** The predictive maintenance solution for machine tools from Mitsubishi Electric and Lenord + Bauer allows operators to schedule in servicing or replacement as they will receive an early condition based indication of the equipment.

[Source: Mitsubishi Electric Europe B.V.]



**Image 2:** Maintenance regimes for robots and other equipment such as machine tools can be optimised by using the cloud-based predictive maintenance solution developed by Mitsubishi Electric that uses the AI platform within IBM Watson.

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