# Importance of Cutting Angle for Shaving

HEUSCH blades always come with an angle  $0.5 < \alpha < 3$  degree. This is the proper angle to guarantee perfect shaving results.

It may happen that after blading the angle will change  $0.1 < \alpha < 2.5$  degree (angle meter please see picture #1). Under all circumstances users shall avoid an angle of  $\alpha < 0$  degree. Proper cutting is not possible with a negative angle.

#### How to measure:

- 1. To ensure parallelism place the angle meter (after levelling) on top of the blades (picture #2)
- 2. The leg of the angle meter faces the copper side of the blade
- 3. A small strip of light should be visible on the lower section between leg and blade (picture #3)
- 4. If there is no light on lower section but on the upper section the blade is caulked with a negative angle (picture #4)

Two reasons in the unlikely event of a negative cutting angle when using HEUSCH blades:

- 1. Wrong caulking of the blades
- 2. Damaged shoulders of the grooves

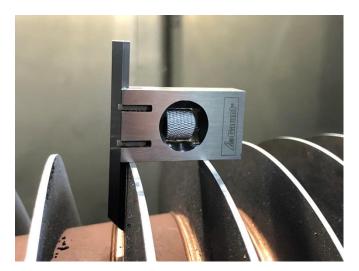
Hence HEUSCH recommends to always measure the angle after re-blading **and** levelling. If the root cause for the negative angle is not based on wrong caulking the problem is with the groves. In some cases the grooves can be re-milled by experts but in most cases the cylinder should be replaced.

Please be reminded that non-HEUSCH blades come at an angle of  $\alpha \le 0$  degree before re-blading. After re-blading these blades will have a negative angle, which is the reason for mediocre or poor shaving

Picture #1



### Picture #2



Leg of the angle meter towards the copper site

After levelling

Picture #3



## **HEUSCH blade**

The strip of light is visible on the **lower section** of the blade. Positive angle.

**Perfect shaving results** 

Picture #4



# Competitor's blade

The strip of light is visible on the **upper section** of the blade. Negative angle.

Poor shaving results