

# Foreword by Stepcraft

Dear Reader,

The invention of Numerical Control (NC) technology in the 1950s and the Computer Numerical Control (CNC) technology that followed in the 1970s have made it increasingly simple for industrial companies to quickly produce runs of identical, high-quality, complex parts. Today, the availability of CNC technology to small firms and private users opens up a whole new world of technical and creative possibilities.

In spite of improvements in technology, the knowledge required to produce CAD/CAM models and transform them into components using software commands often appears too much to master, especially for beginners.

In this book, Christian Rattat gives you all the help you need purchasing your own machine, setting it up, and creating your own objects. He combines firm background knowledge with a wealth of tips and tricks on machines and machining, creating the ideal jumping-off point for your own CNC exploits. His enthusiasm is infectious and proves that CNC technology isn't rocket science. Above all, alongside the countless possibilities CNC machining provides, the thing it offers more than anything else is fun!

Have a great time discovering CNC for yourself.

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