A tapered cutting edge portion and a continuous raise portion from the tapered cutting edge portion are ground in an edge portion of a straight grinding raw material so that an eccentricity is not generated. In a method for grinding a treatment device, one end portion of a tapered grinding raw material is inserted between a grinding surface of a grindstone and a pressing surface of a press block, and finishing surfaces opposite each other while having a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle are ground so that a direction in which abrasive grains of the grindstone run corresponds to a direction of a shaft center. At this point, before the finishing surfaces are ground in the predetermined dimension, shape, and angle which are previously set corresponding to an objective reamer, pre-grinding is performed while a necessary finishing margin with respect to at least one of the surfaces, and then finishing grinding is performed to the other surface.
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING TREATMENT DEVICE AND TREATMENT DEVICE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] 1. Field of the Invention
[0002] The present invention relates to a method for grinding an angular-section tapered bar material which is of an intermediate product when treatment devices such as a dental treatment device, a bone treatment device, and a thrombus depletion device which are tapered from a base portion to a leading end portion. The invention also relates to the tapered treatment device which is produced by adopting the above grinding method.
[0003] 2. Description of the Related Art
[0004] Various types of treatment devices, in which the cross section is angular and a region performing the treatment is tapered from the base portion to the leading end, are used in the dental treatment devices or the medical treatment devices. A reamer and a file which are used in the treatment of a root canal can typically be cited as an example of the dental treatment devices. In surgical treatment devices, examples of the treatment devices include the bone treatment device and the thrombus depletion device.

[0005] In the treatment device, the thin bar raw material is ground in the tapered shaped to form a working portion having cutting edges or edges according to a treatment object, and an operation portion which is operated by a dentist or a doctor or a shank portion which is grasped by a handpiece is formed adjacent to the working portion. In the case where the working portion is ground, for example the grinding is efficiently performed using a grinding apparatus described in Japanese Patent Application Publication (JP-B) No. 5-87254.

[0006] The grinding method and grinding apparatus described in JP-B No. 5-87254 grinds an extremely thin angular cutting edge device which is of the dental treatment device. In JP-B No. 5-87254, a press block is arranged to be opposed to a grinding surface including an outer peripheral surface of a disk-shaped grindstone, the press block can be inclined at a desired angle with respect to the grinding surface, a deadweight of the press block and a weight of a mechanism supporting the press block are caused to act downward by adjusting the deadweight and the weight with a spring, and plural detection devices including dial gauges having contacts for detecting lowering position of the press block and the mechanism supporting the press block are provided.

[0007] In the grinding method described in JP-B No. 5-87254, after the inclination angle of a pressing surface of the press block is adjusted with respect to the grinding surface of the grindstone, a grinding raw material is inserted between the pressing surface and the grinding surface, and the grinding is started by causing the press block to come into contact with the grinding raw material to press the grinding raw material against the grindstone while the grindstone is rotated. The press block and the mechanism supporting the press block are lowered with the progress in the grinding to the grinding raw material. When the grinding reaches the predetermined amount of grinding, the detection device for detecting the amount of grinding detects that the grinding reaches the predetermined amount of grinding, and the detection device generates an electrical signal. The grinding is stopped in response to the generated electric signal, the grinding raw material is rotated about the axis of the grinding raw material by 180° or 90°, and the grinding of the next process is performed. The grinding is sequentially performed, which completes the grinding of the extremely thin angular cutting device.

[0008] In the grinding method described in JP-B No. 5-87254, in the grinding of the grinding raw material, a length region corresponding to the length of the cutting edge portion in the objective extremely thin angular cutting device is ground from a leading end. In this case, because the grinding length for the grinding raw material is shorter than a diameter of the grindstone, it is assumed that the grinding surface is a substantially straight surface. Accordingly, the surfaces ground at four surface of the grinding raw material become flat surfaces, and the cutting edges can be formed at edges in which the surfaces intersecting each other. In the grinding method described in JP-B No. 5-87254, the grinding can be performed at extremely high efficiency and with high accuracy.

[0009] In the treatment device, various working portions having sectional sizes and tapers are formed according to functions (the dental treatment device, the bone treatment device, the thrombus depletion device, and the like) and affected regions to which the treatment devices are applied. For example, in the case of a K file for the dental treatment device, the working portions having 28 kinds of numbers are formed in the range of the smallest number of about 0.125 mm to the largest number of about 1.48 mm in sectional size located 3 mm away from the leading end (the sectional size does not indicate the diameter because the sectional shape is not circular) and the taper of about 1/10. Therefore, the grinding of the treatment device can easily be performed by using the grinding raw material corresponding to the sectional size of the thickest region in the working portions having the various sectional sizes.

[0010] However, when the grinding raw material is prepared by causing the diameter of the grinding raw material to correspond to the sectional size of each number, there are generated problems that the number of kinds of the grinding raw materials is remarkably increased and inventory control and production control become complicated. Therefore, it is preferable that the grinding raw material having the diameter which can include several kinds of sectional sizes is used and the plural kinds of treatment devices are produced by grinding the end portion of the grinding raw material. In this case, the objective treatment device is produced by using the grinding raw material having the diameter larger than the sectional size of the thickest region in the working portion.

[0011] In the case of using the grinding raw material having the diameter larger than the sectional size of the objective number, it is necessary that the region where the working portion shifts to the shank portion (raise portion) is formed by a smooth ground surface. Therefore, although the length of the raise portion depends on the number, the length of the raise portion set in the range of about 6 mm to about 10 mm, and the raise portion is formed so that the sectional size is smoothly changed from the working portion to the shank portion in the range of the length.

[0012] When the cutting edge portion and the raise portion are ground at one time by adopting the technology described in JP-B No. 5-87254, because a grinding length (length of ground surface) is restricted by a position of the raise portion, the amount of grinding (grinding dimension toward a central axis direction from the outer peripheral surface) is increased on the cutting edge side. When the section is ground in the angular shape, there is generated the problem that distances
between the central axis of the grinding raw material to the ground surfaces differs from one another, i.e. eccentricity is generated.

[0013] In the forming of the grinding raw material in which the eccentricity is generated in the cutting edge portion in the objective treatment device, when secondary forming such as twisting and bending is performed, there is generated the problem that the smooth secondary forming is hardly performed. Due to off-balance, there is generated the problem that the treatment device in which the eccentricity is generated in the cutting edge portion is inferior in operability when the doctor operates the treatment device in the treatment. Further, when the treatment device is rotated at high speed during the treatment, there is generated the problem that run-out is created by uneven centrifugal force.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0014] An object of the invention is to provide a grinding method in which an eccentricity is not generated when a tapered cutting edge portion and a continuous raise portion from the tapered cutting edge portion are ground in an edge portion of a straight grinding raw material so that an eccentricity is not generated. Another object of the invention is to provide a tapered treatment device which is manufactured by implementation of the grinding method.

[0015] In order to solve the above problems, a method for grinding a treatment device according to the invention is a method for grinding an angular-section tapered bar for a treatment device, the method for grinding a treatment device in which one end portion of a tapered raw material is inserted between a grinding surface of a grindstone and a press block and finishing surfaces opposite each other while having a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle are ground so that a direction in which abrasive grains of the grindstone run corresponds to an axial direction of the tapered raw material, the method for grinding a treatment device is characterized in that, before the finishing surfaces are ground in the predetermined dimension, shape, and angle previously set corresponding to an objective treatment device, pre-grinding is performed while a necessary finishing margin with respect to at least one of the surfaces, and then finishing grinding is performed to the other surface.

[0016] A tapered treatment device according to the invention which is manufactured by inserting one end portion of a tapered raw material between a grinding surface of a grindstone and a press block and by grinding finishing surfaces opposite each other while having a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle are ground so that a direction in which abrasive grains of the grindstone run corresponds to an axial direction of the tapered raw material, the tapered treatment device has a predetermined tapered shape and grinding traces parallel to the axis of the treatment device in the ground surface by performing pre-grinding while a necessary finishing margin with respect to at least one of the surfaces and by performing finishing grinding to the other surface before the finishing surfaces are ground in the predetermined dimension, shape, and angle previously set corresponding to an objective treatment device.

[0017] In the tapered treatment device (hereinafter referred to as treatment device) grinding method according to the invention, when the grinding raw material is ground to form the objective treatment device in the predetermined dimension, shape, and angle, the pre-grinding is performed while the finishing margin is previously left, so that the eccentricity is never generated even if the grinding is performed up to the raise portion. Namely, since the pre-grinding is performed to the grinding raw material at the predetermined angle to leave the finishing margin, the length of the pre-grinding surface can be shortened compared with the predetermined length from the leading end of the grinding raw material to the end portion of the raise portion, and the dimension from the center of the grinding raw material to the pre-grinding surface can be lengthened compared with the predetermined dimension from the center of the grinding raw material to the finishing surface.

[0018] After the pre-grinding is performed to one of surfaces in the above-described manner, the other surface is ground. At this point, because the pre-grinding surface comes into contact with the pressing surface of the press block, the other surface is ground while the grinding raw material is deformed toward the press block side. Therefore, when the grinding to the other surface is ended to release the constraint of the press block to the grinding raw material, the raise portion is formed by the ground surface corresponding to the deformed portion.

[0019] Then, the grinding raw material is deformed toward the press block side by performing the grinding to the pre-grinding surface, and the raise portion is ground at the same time when the finishing grinding is performed to the pre-grinding surface. When the grinding to the pre-grinding surface is ended to release the constraint of the press block, the raise portion is formed by the ground surface corresponding to the deformed portion.

[0020] Accordingly, when the raise portion corresponding to the objective treatment device is ground, the eccentricity is not generated in the working portion. Further, even if the raw material is the extremely thin bar, the bending is not generated by causing the grinding direction (direction in which the abrasive grains run) to correspond to the shaft center, so that the grinding raw material can be ground in the good treatment device.

[0021] According to the treatment device of the invention, in the cross-section of the working portion of the treatment device, dimensions between the finishing surfaces and the center are substantially equalized, so that the treatment device having good balance and no eccentricity can be formed. Therefore, easy operability can be realized in the treatment device. Further, the uneven centrifugal force is not generated even if the treatment device is rotated at high speed, so that the smooth and stable treatment can be realized.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0022] FIG. 1 is a view showing a configuration of a reamer which is of a dental treatment device;
[0023] FIG. 2 is a schematic side elevation showing a whole configuration of a grinding apparatus;
[0024] FIG. 3 is a sectional view taken along line III-III of FIG. 2;
[0025] FIG. 4 is a view showing a main part of the grinding apparatus;
[0026] FIG. 5 is a view showing pre-grinding to a grinding raw material 11;
[0027] FIG. 6 is a view for explaining a state in which the grinding is performed to a surface opposite a pre-grinding surface to which the pre-grinding is already performed; and
FIG. 7 is a view for explaining a state in which the grinding is performed to the pre-grinding surface.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

A method for grinding a treatment device and a treatment device according to preferred embodiments of invention will be described below.

The treatment device according to the invention is formed in a tapered shape. A leading-end side of the treatment device has the working portion which has the grinding traces parallel to an axial direction. A sectional shape and dimensions of the working portion, a tapered angle defining a tapered state, an external appearance toward in axial direction, and the like are not particularly limited, and they are appropriately set according to conditions such as a function and number of the objective treatment device.

The treatment device of the invention does not restrict the object devices or types, but the invention can be applied to any tapered treatment device which has a predetermined single taper angle or a complex-angle taper in which the angle is changed depending on a position. Some of this kind of the treatment device has an almost square shaped cross section or a rectangular shaped cross section in its working portion and some of them are twisted to a spiral shape. Example of the treatment device having a square shaped cross section typically includes a reamer and K file. Example of the treatment device having a rectangular shaped cross section typically includes a RT file. Adding to that the treatment device which does not have twisted working portion includes a square broach. These reamers and files are used for dental treatment. The bone treatment device is used when the bone is treated. The thrombus depletion device is used for depletion of a blood vessel.

In the treatment device of the invention, the working portion including the ground surface having the predetermined angle on the leading-end side, a straight shank portion is formed adjacent to the working portion, the sectional size of the thickest region in the working portion is smaller than the diameter of the shank portion, and a raise portion is formed between the working portion and the shank portion by the grinding.

The grinding raw material is not limited to the particular material, but any material satisfying performances (for example, cutting performance of an affected region, and non-cutting performance to the surrounding) of the objective treatment device can be used as the grinding raw material. For example, in the case where the objective treatment device is a dental root-canal treatment device which cuts a root canal wall, any material which exerts sufficient hardness during the treatment may be used as the grinding raw material.

Examples of the grinding raw material include steel in which the sufficient hardness is obtained by heat treatment, martensitic stainless steel, and Ni—Ti alloys. However, stain tends to be generated at a distribution stage in the steel and martensitic stainless steel, and the secondary forming such as the twisting and the bending is difficult to perform in the Ni—Ti alloys. Therefore, in consideration of good forming characteristics and no generation of the stain, it is preferable that austenitic stainless steel is used as the grinding raw material. However, in the austenitic stainless steel, the hardening is not increased by the heat treatment. It is desirable that the austenitic stainless steel in which work hardening is exhibited by performing cold wire-drawing is used as the grinding raw material.

The sectional shape of the treatment device is not limited to a triangle or a quadrangle. Any treatment device which has the angular sectional shape can be used. Namely, the angular treatment device of the invention includes the treatment device in which two surfaces are ground in parallel or not in parallel in the sectional shape of the grinding raw material.

With reference to the grinding direction for the grinding raw material in the invention, the direction, in which the abrasive grains run, corresponds to the axial direction of the grinding raw material. In order to realize the grinding direction, the outer peripheral of the disk-shaped grindstone is used for the grinding surface, the grinding is performed while the axial direction of the grinding raw material is caused to correspond to the rotating direction of the grindstone, or an endless belt-shaped grindstone is entrained about a pair of rollers and the grinding is performed by rotating the rollers while the rotating direction is caused to correspond to the axial direction of the grinding raw material.

EXAMPLE 1

At first, a typical example of the treatment device according to the invention will be described referring to the drawing. FIG. 1 shows a configuration of a reamer which is of the dental treatment device. A reamer A shown in FIG. 1 is the device which cuts an inner wall surface of a root canal. The reamer A includes a needle portion 1 and a handle 2 attached to an end of the needle portion 1. The reamer A is mainly utilized by attaching the reamer A to a rotating tool such as a handpiece.

In the needle portion 1, a tapered working portion 4 is formed over the given length range from a leading end 3. A rod-shaped shank 5 is formed on the handle 1 side of the needle portion 1. A mise portion 6 is formed between the working portion 4 and the shank 5. The taper of the working portion 4 is set at ¼100 in the K file of the H file pursuant to an international standard (ISO). A reference position in specifying or measuring the sectional size of the working portion 4 is set at a position 8 (first reference position) located 3 mm away from the leading end and a position 9 (second reference position) located 13 mm away from the leading end.

Thus, in the usual dental treatment device, the taper is set at the angle having a gradient of ¼100. However, the taper is not always set at the above angle. For example, in the flare file, the taper of the working portion 4 is not constant, but the taper is formed so that the gradient is continuously changed in the ranged where the maximum gradient is ¼100 and the minimum gradient is ¼100.

The working portion 4 is formed by a spiral groove 4a and a cutting edge 4b along the groove 4a. A length of the working portion 4 is set at about 16 mm from the leading end 3. In the small number range, i.e. in the range of about number 06 to about number 40, a forming length 7 of the raise portion 6 is set at a values not more than 22 mm from the leading end. In the large number range, i.e. in the range of about number 100 to about number 140, the forming length 7 is set at a values not more than 27 mm from the leading end.

Thus, the working portion 4 is a region which actually treats an affected area, and the length of the working portion 4 is strictly set. However, the forming length 7 of the raise portion 6 is not always strictly set, but sometimes a
A difference is generated to a certain extent due to a relationship between the sectional size at the thickest region in the working portion 4 and the diameter of the grinding raw material.

[0042] A dentist manually operates the handle 2, or the handle 2 is grasped by a chuck of the handpiece to be rotated. In Example 1, the handle 2 is formed so as to be grasped by the chuck of the handpiece. The handle 2 is made of synthetic resins or metals such as stainless steel, and the handle 2 is attached to the shank 5 in the needle portion 1. In the attachment of the handle 2 to the needle portion 1, when the handle 2 is made of synthetic resins or metals, the handle 2 having a hole (not shown) is previously formed and the needle portion 1 is inserted into the hole to bond the needle portion 1 to the handle 2 with an anaerobic adhesive.

[0043] In the reamer A having the above-described configuration, the dentist inserts the working portion 4 into the root canal of the tooth to be treated while grasping the handpiece to which the handle 2 is attached, and the dentist moves the working portion 4 while the working portion 4 is rotated in the direction of cutting edge 4a, which allows the inner wall surface of the root canal to be cut to perform the forming.

[0044] In the treatment devices except for the reamer, the twisted cutting edge 4a is not always formed in the working portion 4, but sometimes the straight cutting edge 4a is formed.

**EXAMPLE 2**

[0045] Then, a configuration of a grinding apparatus which can perform a grinding method according to the invention will be described referring to the drawings. FIG. 2 is a schematic side elevation showing a whole configuration of the grinding apparatus. FIG. 3 is a sectional view taken along line III-III of FIG. 2. FIG. 4 shows a main part of the grinding apparatus.

[0046] In the drawings, a grinding apparatus B includes a chuck 12 which grasps a grinding raw material 11, a grindstone 13 which grinds the grinding raw material 11, and a press block 14 which presses the grinding raw material 11 toward the grindstone 13 side.

[0047] The grinding raw material 11 is formed in a thin straight bar with no diameter change. One grinding raw material 11 or the plural grinding raw materials 11 are ground while grasped in the chuck 12. The chuck 12 is arranged opposite a grinding surface 13a which is a peripheral surface of the grindstone 13. The chuck 12 allows the axial direction of the grinding raw material 11 to correspond to a running direction of the grinding surface 13a while grasping the end portion in a longitudinal direction of the grinding raw material 11.

[0048] Because the grindstone 13 has the sufficiently large diameter with respect to a grinding length of the grinding raw material 11, it is assumed that a ground surface formed in the grinding raw material 11 is a flat surface. Namely, the diameter of the grindstone 13 is set at the dimension in which the ground surface is assumed to be the flat surface in grinding the grinding raw material 11.

[0049] The press block 14 has both the function of pressing the grinding raw material 11 against the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13 with a substantially constant load in grinding the grinding raw material 11 and the function of pressing the grinding raw material 11 against the grinding surface 13a at a predetermined angle.

[0050] Therefore, the press block 14 is detachably mounted onto a slide block 16 which is slidably provided along a rise piece 15a of an L-shaped frame 15. The L-shaped frame 15 includes the rise piece 15a and an adjustment piece 15b which is formed in the direction perpendicular to a lower end portion of the rise piece 15a. The L-shaped frame 15 is rotatably attached to shafts 18 provided in support frames 17, and the L-shaped frame 15 is rotated about the shafts 18 associated with the operation of two adjustment screws 19a and 19b provided in the adjustment piece 15b. Therefore, an angle formed between a pressing surface 14a of the press block 14 mounted on the rise piece 15a and the grinding surface 13a can be adjusted.

[0051] The slide block 16 is hung from an arm 21 provided in the L-shaped frame 15 through a spring 20. A magnitude of downward force can be adjusted by appropriately setting or adjusting a spring constant of the spring 20. Plurals rollers 22a to 22c are rotatably mounted on the slide block 16. The slide block 16 is biased toward the rise piece 15a by a spring 23 attached to the roller 22a, and the rollers 22b and 22c are biased toward a guide 25 provided in the rise piece 15a by a spring 24 attached to the roller 22b, which allows the slide block 16 to slide smoothly in a vertical direction along the rise piece 15.

[0052] An arm 26 is protruded from the L-shaped frame 15 or the guide 25 toward the direction of the slide block 16. A detection device 27 is provided on the leading-end side of the arm 26 and at a position where the slide block 16 can be avoided. In the slide block 16, an arm 28 is provided at the position opposite the arm 26. In the arm 28, a nut member 28a is provided at the position opposite the detection device 27. An adjustment screw 29 is screwed in the nut member 28a.

[0053] The detection device 27 detects the amount of grinding (grinding depth) to the grinding raw material 11 to generate an electric signal. The detection device 27 measures a lowering amount of the slide block 16, and the detection device 27 can generate the electric signal when the lowering amount reaches the predetermined value. In Example 2, a dial gauge with a contact 27a is used as the detection device 27, and the electric signal can be generated when a pointer 27b comes into contact with the contact 27a.

[0054] The adjustment of the detection device 27 will be described. While the press block 14 is elevated, the grinding raw material 11 is inserted between the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13 and the pressing surface 14a of the press block 14. In the state of things, the slide block 16 is lowered. When the press block 14 abuts on the grinding raw material 11 to stop the lowering of the slide block 16, the adjustment screw 29 is rotated to cause the adjustment screw 29 to come into contact with a sensor 27c of the detection device 27, and the adjustment screw 27 is further rotated to rotate the pointer 27b while a scale 27d is confirmed so that the pointer corresponds to the predetermined amount of grinding for the grinding raw material 11. When the number of scales between the pointer 27b and the contact 27a corresponds to the predetermined amount of grinding, the rotation of the adjustment screw 29 is stopped, and the adjustment is ended.

[0055] The amount of grinding is detected in each grinding portion of the grinding raw material 11. Accordingly, it is preferable that the detection device has the plural contacts. When the detection device has only one contact, the number of detection devices 27 provided in the grinding apparatus is equal to the number of grinding operations necessary for the grinding raw material 11. For example, in the grinding apparatus B shown in FIG. 3, four detection devices 27, 30, 31, and 32 are provided, and each of the detection devices 27, 30, 31, and 32
can detect the amount of grinding in one of four grinding times to generate the electric signal.

The grinding apparatus B, the L-shaped frame 15 is inclined by operating the adjustment screws 19a and 19b, which adjusts the angle formed between the pressing surface 14a of the press block 14 and the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13. Then, as described above, generation points of the electric signals (the lowering amount of the slide block 16 and the press block 14) are set in each of the detection devices 27 and 30 to 32 by rotating the adjustment screws 29 corresponding to the detection devices 27 and 30 to 32. In the state of things, when the grinding is performed to the grinding raw material 11 by rotating the grindstone 13, the slide block 16 is lowered as the amount of grinding is increased, and the pointer 27a of the detection device 27 (30 to 32) is brought close to the contact 27a. When the pointer 27a comes into contact with the contact 27a, the electric signal is generated. The rotation of the grindstone 13 is stopped in response to the electric signal, and the grinding to the grinding raw material 11 is stopped.

When a first grinding operation in which a first surface is ground is completed, the grinding raw material 11 currently grasped by the chuck 12 is rotated by 180° or 90° by operating the chuck 12, and a second grinding operation is performed to a second surface of the grinding raw material 11. In the grinding raw material 11, the ground surface whose grinding traces correspond to the axial direction is formed by the repetition of the grinding.

EXAMPLE 3

Then, the grinding method according to Example 3 of the invention will be described referring to drawings. FIG. 5 is a view showing pre-grinding to the grinding raw material 11. FIG. 6 is a view for explaining the state in which the pre-grinding is performed to a pre-grinding surface to which the pre-grinding is already performed. FIG. 7 is a view for explaining the state in which the grinding is performed to the pre-grinding surface.

The grinding raw material 11 shown in FIGS. 5 to 7 is the raw material for producing the reamer A shown in FIG. 1. In the grinding raw material 11, cold wire drawing is performed to a wire rod made of austenitic stainless steel at a predetermined diameter-reduction ratio to realize work hardening, and a texture elongated in a fibrous shape is realized to exert strength against bending. When the grinding raw material 11 is ground to form the cutting edge, grinding performance can be secured in the cutting edge. Even if the bending force is applied during the treatment of the affected area, the grinding raw material 11 can stand up to the bending force.

The working portion 4 of the reamer A is formed with the taper of 4°00. Therefore, in the press block 14, the gradient of the pressing surface 14a is set so as to have the taper of 4°00 with respect to the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13. Namely, the L-shaped frame 15 is rotated about the shaft 18 by operating the adjustment screws 19a and 19b, which adjusts the tilt angle of the pressing surface 14a with respect to the grinding surface 13a to set the taper at 4°00.

After the taper of the pressing surface 14a of the press block 14 is set with respect to the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13, one end portion of the grinding raw material 11 is grasped by the chuck 12 and the other end portion is inserted between the grinding surface 13a and the pressing surface 14a. The end portion of grinding raw material 11 is placed on the grinding surface 13a without rotating the grindstone 13, and the pressing surface 14a is caused to come into contact with the peripheral surface of the grinding raw material 11. Thus, in the grinding raw material 11, a shaft center 11a is placed in parallel with the pressing surface 14a and has the taper of 4°00 with respect to the grinding surface 13a by causing the peripheral surface of the grinding raw material 11 to come into contact with the pressing surface 14a.

At this point, the leading end portion of the grinding raw material 11 is in contact with the grinding surface 13a, and which becomes a reference of the amount of grinding in measuring the amount of grinding. Accordingly, the contacts 27a of the detection devices 27 and 30 to 32 are adjusted in this state. For example, when the detection device 27 corresponds to the pre-grinding which is of the first grinding operation, the dimension between the contact 27a and the pointer 27b is caused to correspond to the predetermined amount of grinding at the end portion of the grinding raw material 11 in the pre-grinding by operating the adjustment screw 29 provided opposite the detection device 27.

In Example 3, the position (second reference point 9) located 13 mm away from the leading end of the grinding raw material 11 is set at the reference position for the grinding so that the grinding length becomes about 13 mm in the pre-grinding. A finishing margin corresponding to the difference between the forming length 7 of the raised portion 6 (not more than the range of about 22 mm to about 27 mm from the leading end of the grinding raw material 11) and the grinding length in the pre-grinding is defined by setting the grinding end portion at 13 mm in the pre-grinding.

As shown in FIG. 5, the amount of grinding in the pre-grinding is detected as the amount of grinding at the leading end portion of the grinding raw material 11. However, it is difficult to inspect the dimension of the leading end portion, so that the reference position for the dimensional measurement of the grinding raw material 11 is set in the position located predetermined distance away from the leading end (for example, 5 mm to 10 mm, the position (b) or position (c) in FIG. 5A), the dimension at each position is set with respect to the dimension at the position located 13 mm away from the end portion of the grinding raw material 11 which is of the grinding end portion. The amount of grinding at the leading end is calculated from the set dimension and taper, the value of the calculation result is specified as the amount of pre-grinding in the pre-grinding.

As a result of the calculation corresponding to the objective reamer A, assuming that the dimension between the shaft center 11a and a first finishing surface 11b at the end portion of the grinding raw material 11 is set to R and the finishing margin is set to s, a dimension r (pre-grinding surface dimension) between the shaft center 11a and a pre-grinding surface 11c becomes R+s. Accordingly, a dimension g in which R+s is subtracted from a radius of the grinding raw material 11 becomes the amount of pre-grinding.

Therefore, in the detection device 27, the dimension between the contact 27a and the initial pointer 27b is set so as to correspond to the amount of pre-grinding g. In other detection devices, for example, the amount of grinding for grinding a second finishing surface 11d opposite the pre-grinding surface 11c becomes the dimension (the amount of second finishing grinding) in which the finishing surface dimension R is subtracted from the radius of the grinding raw material 11, i.e. g=r=R as shown in FIG. 6.
The detection device 30 is specified as a detection device which detects the amount of grinding (the mount of second finishing grinding) of the second finishing surface 11d, and the position of the contact is adjusted while the grinding is not performed to the grinding raw material 11. Then, the dimension between the contact and the pointer becomes 2 g + r - R in which the amount of pre-grinding g is added to the mount of second finishing grinding g + r - R. Similarly, the detection device 31 is specified as detection device which detects the amount of first finishing grinding of the first finishing surface 11b, and the position of the contact is adjusted while the grinding is not performed to the grinding raw material 11. Then, the dimension between the contact and the pointer becomes 2 g + 2 r - 2 R in which the amount of pre-grinding g and the finishing margin s are added to the mount of second finishing grinding g + r - R.

Thus, the taper of the pressing surface 14a of the press block 14 is set with respect to the the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13, the contact points of the detection devices 27, 30, and 31 are set, and the pre-grinding is performed. When the grindstone 13 is rotated, the pre-grinding is performed to the grinding raw material 11. As shown in FIG. 5A, the pre-grinding is started from the end portion of the grinding raw material 11 while the shaft center 11a of the grinding raw material 11 is held in parallel with the pressing surface 14a. When the amount of grinding reaches the amount of pre-grinding g, the detection device 27 generates the electric signal, and the rotation of the grindstone 13 is stopped based on the electric signal. Accordingly, the pre-grinding is ended for the grinding raw material 11.

FIG. 5B is a sectional view at the position located 5 mm away from the leading end of the grinding raw material 11. In this case, R5 indicates the dimension between the shaft center 11a of the grinding raw material 11 and the first finishing surface 11b, and R5 becomes the dimension in which an increment according to the taper of \( \frac{1}{100} \) is added to the dimension R between the shaft center 11a and the first finishing surface 11b at the end portion. Similarly, FIG. 5C is a sectional view at the position located 10 mm away from the leading end, and R10 becomes the dimension in which the increment according to the taper of \( \frac{1}{100} \) is added to the dimension R.

When the pre-grinding is ended, the press block 14 is elevated, the chuck 12 is returned to rotate the chuck 12 by 180°, and then a second grinding operation is performed. In the second grinding operation, the opposite surface to the pre-grinding surface 11b which is of the un-grinding surface of the grinding raw material 11 is faced toward the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13 and inserted between the grinding surface 13a and the pressing surface 14a. Then, as shown in FIG. 6, the press block 14 is lowered to cause the pressing surface 14a to abut on the pre-grinding surface 11c of the grinding raw material 11. At this point, a gap 41 is formed between the pressing surface 14a and the grinding raw material 11, and the shaft center 11a of the grinding raw material 11 is arranged in parallel with the grinding surface 13a.

In the state of things, when the grindstone 13 is rotated, in the grinding raw material 11, the contact region with the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13 is ground from the leading-end portion. The length of the contact region is sufficiently longer than the length of the pre-grinding surface 11c (contact length with the pressing surface 14a). Therefore, the grinding raw material 11 is bent toward the press block 14 side by force acting on the grinding raw material 11 (the shaft center 11a shown by an alternate long and short dashed line is bent as shown by a thin chain double-dashed line), and the peripheral surface of the grinding raw material 11 abuts on the pressing surface 14a to be supported.

Accordingly, in the surface opposite the pre-grinding surface 11c, the second finishing surface 11d is ground while the taper of \( \frac{1}{100} \) is maintained. However, the continuous surface from the second finishing surface 11d is ground while bent toward the pressing surface 14a side. Therefore, an extended line of a grinding surface 11f reaches the outer periphery of the grinding raw material 11.

When the detection device 30 detects that the amount of grinding reaches the amount of second finishing grinding, the electric signal is generated, and the rotation of the grindstone 13 is stopped. When the press block 14 is elevated, the grinding raw material 11 is released from constraint of the press block 14, which allows the grinding raw material 11 to return to the straight shape, and the second raise surface 11g (raise portion 6) is formed by the grinding surface 11f. Namely, in the grinding raw material 11, the shaft center 11a shown by the thin chain double-dashed line is returned to the state shown by the alternate long and short dashed line, which allows the grinding surface 11f shown by a solid line is displaced as shown by a thick chain double-dashed line to form the second raise surface 11g (raise portion 6).

After the second finishing surface 11d and the second raise surface 11g of the second surface are ground in the above-described manner, the chuck 12 is returned to rotate the chuck 12 by 180°. Then, the pre-grinding surface 11c of the first surface is faces toward the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13, and the press block 14 is lowered to perform the third grinding operation. Namely, as shown in FIG. 7, the pressing surface 14a of the press block 14 is caused to abut on the second finishing surface 11d of the grinding raw material 11. At this point, in the grinding raw material 11, part of the second finishing surface 11d (leading end of the grinding raw material 11) and part of the second raise surface 11g (contact portion between the second raise surface 11g and the outer periphery of the grinding raw material 11) abut on the pressing surface 14a.

When the load of the press block 14 applied to the grinding raw material 11 while the pressing surface 14a of the press block 14 abuts on the second finishing surface 11a of the grinding raw material 11, in the grinding raw material 11, the shaft center 11a shown by the alternate long and short dashed line is bent like the shaft center 11a shown by the thin chain double-dashed line according to the abutment of the second raise surface 11g on the pressing surface 14a. Therefore, the continuous outer-peripheral surface from the pre-grinding surface comes into contact with the grinding surface 13a of the grindstone 13.
When the press block 14 is elevated, the grinding raw material 11 is released from the constraint of the press block 14, which allows the grinding raw material 11 to return to the straight shape (the shaft center 11a shown by the thin chain double-dashed line returns to the shaft center 11a shown by the alternate long and short dashed line). Therefore, the first finishing surface 11b and the first raise surface 11e (raise portion 6) shown by the thick chain double-dashed line are formed.

In the first finishing surface 11b formed in the above-described manner, the dimension from the shaft center 11a of the grinding raw material 11 reaches the finishing surface dimension R. Namely, since both the dimension from the shaft center 11a to the first finishing surface 11b and the dimension from the shaft center 11a to the second finishing surface 11d become R, there is no eccentricity. In the embodiment, the first surface is formed by the first and third grinding operations and the second surface is formed by the second and fourth grinding operations. However, it is possible that the finishing margin is also left in the second grinding operation and the finishing margin is removed in the fourth grinding operation.

As described above, the object product of the invention can be applied to the devices such as the dental treatment device, the bone treatment device, and the thrombus depleting device.

In the embodiments mentioned above, grinding operations to the first surface and the second surface, which are in relation in front and back, are explained. But in a case of a cross section of the treatment device is a square, the third surface and the forth surface which respectively correspond to the first surface and the second surface could be ground by the same manner of grinding operation. They could be ground in a manner that the first surface is ground, the third face, which is the side face for the first surface, is ground, the second face is ground, then the forth surface is ground, which is the side face for the second surface and the grinding turn of the each surfaces is varied. Also in the first grinding operation is the pre-grinding in the above embodiment, but the second grinding operation could be the pre-grinding. The number of times of pre-grinding operation is not limited to once and the pre-grinding operation could be plural times.

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7. A grinding method in which an eccentricity is not generated when a tapered cutting edge portion and a continuous raised portion from the cutting edge portion are ground in an edge portion of a straight grinding raw material having a central longitudinal axis, and at least one pair of opposite surfaces comprising a first and second surface, and an amount of grinding is detected in each grinding step, the steps comprising:

(a) grasping one end portion of the raw material in a chuck and another end portion between a grinding surface of a grindstone and a press block;
(b) initiating a first grinding on a first surface of the raw material so that a direction in which abrasive grains of the grindstone run corresponds to an axial longitudinal direction of the raw material, and discontinuing the first grinding before said one surface is ground to a depth corresponding to a predetermined final first surface having a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle, thereby leaving a first finishing margin of unground raw material extending from a final depth of material of said first final surface to be formed;
(c) rotting the raw material 180° in the chuck and then initiating a second grinding on a second surface of the raw material, while holding said another end portion of the raw material between a grinding surface of a grindstone and a press block, and discontinuing the second grinding before said second surface is ground to a depth corresponding to a predetermined final second surface having a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle, thereby leaving a second finishing margin of unground raw material extending from a final depth of material of said second final surface to be formed;
(d) rotating the raw material 180° in the chuck and repeating the step (b) and/or (c) until the each surfaces are ground to final surfaces having a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle.

8. The grinding method of claim 7, wherein after the first grinding is performed for the first surface, the second surface is ground to have a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle, followed by grinding the first surface to have a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle.

9. The grinding method of claim 7, wherein, in step (c), a second finishing margin is left on the another end portion of the raw material, said second finishing margin then being removed in a subsequent fourth grinding step after the grinding step of step (d) on the first finishing margin is performed, said fourth grinding continuing until distances between a central longitudinal axis of the raw material and resultant ground surfaces are all equal.

10. A method for manufacturing a treatment device using the grinding method of claim 7, further comprising twisting the raw material about its central longitudinal axis whereby to form spiral grooves.

11. A treatment device formed from a straight thin bar-shaped raw material having a central longitudinal axis and at least one pair of opposite surfaces comprising a first surface and a second surface, in which the first and second surfaces are ground to have a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle, without generating an eccentricity, said treatment device being manufactured by the steps comprising:

(a) grasping an end portion of the thin bar-shaped raw material in a chuck and another end portion between a grinding surface of a grindstone and a press block;
(b) initiating a first grinding on a first surface of the thin bar-shaped raw material so that a direction in which abrasive grains of the grindstone run corresponds to an axial longitudinal direction of the thin bar-shaped raw material, and discontinuing the first grinding before said first surface is ground to a depth corresponding to a final surface having a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle, thereby leaving a first finishing margin of unground raw material extending from a final depth of material of said first final surface to be formed;
(c) rotating the thin bar-shaped raw material 180° in the chuck and then initiating a second grinding on a second surface of the thin bar-shaped raw material opposite said first surface while holding said another end portion of the thin bar-shaped raw material between a grinding surface of a grindstone and a press block, an discontinuing the second grinding before said second surface is ground to a depth corresponding to a predetermined final second surface having a predetermined dimension, shape, and angle, thereby leaving a second finishing
margin of unground raw material extending from a final
depth of material of said second final surface to be
formed;
(d) rotating the thin bar-shaped raw material 180° in the
chuck and repeating the step (b) and/or (c) until the each
surfaces are ground to final surfaces having a pre deter-
mined dimension, shape, and angle.
12. The treatment device of claim 11, wherein after the
grinding step (d) the thin bar-shaped raw material is twisted
about its central longitudinal axis to form spiral grooves.

13. The method for manufacturing a treatment device of
claim 8, further comprising twisting the thin bar-shaped raw
material along its central longitudinal axis, thereby forming
spiral grooves therein.
14. The method for manufacturing a treatment device of
claim 9, further comprising twisting the thin bar-shaped raw
material along its central longitudinal axis, thereby forming
spiral grooves therein.