

Reference Tool loaded in the spindle, $Z$ axis at home (machine zero)
$Z$ axis position displayed on DRO is measured from last $Z$ axis Part Zero, and could be almost anything.
For this example, suppose that the $Z$ axis DRO position reads +1.500 when $Z$ is at home.


Reference Tool brought down to touch tool-measuring surface Use F1 to set Z Reference here

If the $Z$ axis has moved down 2.9 " to reach the surface, then the Z DRO will read -1.400 here, and that is what will be shown on the screen as the $Z$ Reference position.


Tool \#1 loaded in the spindle
$Z$ is again at home, and no offset is active, so the $Z$ axis DRO position reads +1.500 again.


## Z Home (Machine Zero)

Reference Tool touching surface (Z Reference) Tool 1 touching surface

Height Offset Amount

Now we move the knee down 0.8", and go to measure T1 again...


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If we have not yet changed the $Z$ axis Part Zero location, then the DRO will still read +1.500 here


Reference Tool brought down to touch tool-measuring surface Use F1 to set $Z$ Reference here

The Z axis has to move down 3.7" to reach the surface, so the Z DRO will read -2.200 here, and that is what will be shown on the screen as the new $Z$ Reference position.


Tool \#1 loaded in the spindle

Z is again at home, and no offset is active, so the Z axis DRO position reads +1.500 again.

Tool \#1 brought down to touch tool-measuring surface
Use F2 to measure Height Offset H001 here
The $Z$ axis has moved down 4.8 " to reach the surface with this tool, and the Z DRO will read -3.300
-3.300 minus -2.200 equals -1.100
Measured offset H001 is -1.100

