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**Applications**
Machining processes:
- Turning, drilling, milling, grinding
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Advantages
- The capture elements are optimally adapted to the function of the machine tool and to the travel path of the axes.
- Special openings provide an auxiliary air supply to the machinery that is adjustable to the requirements of the entire workplace.
- Models create simulations of air flow inside the capturing elements and in the work environment.
- Technical know-how and long-standing experience ensure excellent results with greatest possible efficiency.

Example of a system

Air flow simulation
Keller has used CFD (computational fluid dynamics) flow simulations in its product development over the years. Because the complex air currents in work environments or in capturing elements can only be analyzed with specialized testing procedures, this process has provided excellent solutions.

Relevant laws and regulations
TRGS 900 (Exhaust-particulate limits in the workplace/list of MAK values)
ATEX regulations (for explosive dust categories)

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