The OD carbide roll burnishing tool is designed to run on the centerline of your spindle. Depending on the orientation of your lathe machine/turret, this may require a left or right handed tool. See below to visualize the tool's orientation. Remember burnishing is occurring at the largest diameter of the roll and is most commonly traveling in the direction of this leading edge. In some instances, however, the tool may travel in the opposite direction. Most simply, imagine “being the part” in the chuck spindle. If the tool is coming towards you on the left side, it is a left hand tool. If the tool is coming towards you on the right side, then it is a right hand tool.