

# **Small Parts to Solve Big Problems**

Introduction to SPI - 2021

#### **Introductions**



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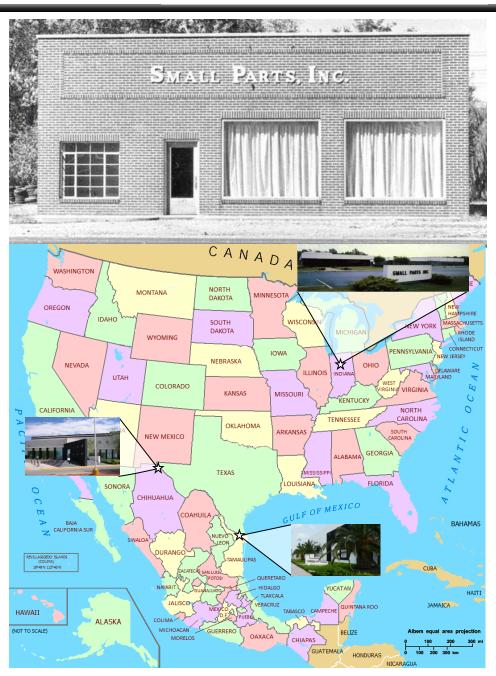
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#### Who is Small Parts?



- Privately owned high precision stamping company established in 1958
- Specializes in high-speed metal forming of non-ferrous metals
- Plant locations in Logansport,
   Indiana as well as Juarez and
   Reynosa Mexico
- Industry leader in automated process development
- Extremely financially stable and able to invest

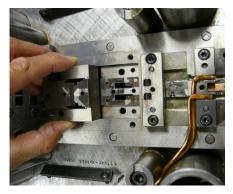


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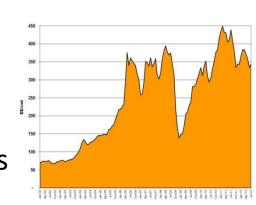
#### **What's new at Small Parts?**



- Advancements in tooling design & construction which increase part quality & reduces secondary operations
- <u>Automation</u> which replaces manual operations to improve part quality and price
- <u>Co-development of component design</u> with our customers to optimize manufacturability, piece price, tooling cost along with part functionality
- Transforming <u>punch press parts to slide</u> parts which results in better material utilization and therefore, less scrap
- Ability to <u>access various material sources</u>
   and alternative material specifications along with the
   ability to offer firm pricing on typically volatile materials







# **Slide Forming Can Save Money**



#### Slide Forming

- Up to 30% in scrap savings due to blank layout
- Runs 26 to 400 strokes per minute







#### Is your part appropriate for slide forming?

	Slide	Press
High Volume (> 250k)	X	X
Wide blank layout		X
In-die welding/tapping	X	X
Burr direction important	X	
Limited tooling budget	X	

# **Company Profile - Summary**

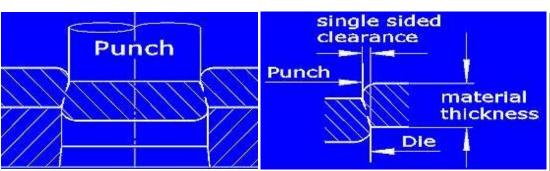


- Small Parts, Inc will be a stable company for years.
- Small Parts, Inc enjoys opportunities to innovate manufacturing processes which can benefit both Customer and Small Parts, Inc
- Small Parts, Inc has domestic plant locations in Logansport, Indiana.
   Mexican plants in Juarez and Reynosa.
- The major differentiators of Small Parts, Inc are
  - Multiple process choices to select the right one for the job, including stamping and slide forming
  - Access to a wide array of materials
  - Manufacturing process innovation
  - Ability to provide stable material prices

# **Stamping Basics**



Features are not exactly "cut" but rather sheared under force, which requires clearance and limits the feasible tolerances



Bends can be "wiped" in different ways, but only some features are precisely controlled by the tool, and all subject to spring-back

— EX. A—

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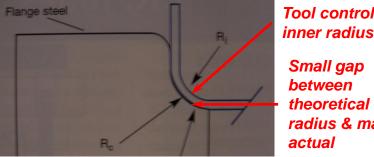
RADIUS SET FORM

— EX. В-

BLADE SET FORM

-EX.C-

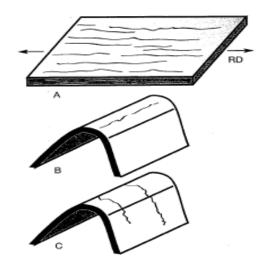
Inside radii are controlled by the tool, while outside radii are theoretical and subject to spring-back & metal flow



Tool controlled

theoretical outer radius & material

Folding with the grain can sometimes lead to cracking



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# What drives costs of stampings?



- Some cost drivers of stamped components:
  - Blank dimensions and configurations
  - Unnecessarily tight tolerances on non-critical features
  - Quantity, orientation, and tolerances of forms
  - Secondary operations for features or assemblies
  - Material selection
    - Formability (cost due to material compensations)
    - Availability (premiums for proprietary v global)
    - Material Cost (not using lower cost metals)

# **Increasing Tooling Precision**



#### **Problem**

- Customer's motor had issues with the brush position and retention, resulting in noise
- Customer instituted extremely <u>tight tolerances</u> on the brush box as the remedy



- Small Parts worked with the customer to identify what tolerances were feasible in metal forming and critical to the problem the customer was having.
- Small Parts worked to <u>build and develop the</u> <u>forming process and very</u> <u>precise tooling</u> to address the customer's problem

# **Delivering a Narrower Range**



#### Problem

- Customer had a "jaw" part and was losing money due to assembly fall-out and warranty issues.
- Customer was <u>requiring</u>
   <u>manual measurement</u> at
   Small Parts after stamping to
   sort parts within a smaller
   range of spring-back



- Small Parts implemented an in-die measurement system to detect "good" or "bad" parts
- Machine alerts operator if parts are rejected so die can be adjusted
- Small Parts avoided costly secondary measurement while sorting parts to select a smaller portion of the manufacturing range

#### **Cost Effective Automated Sort**



#### **Problem**

- Existing supplier was having difficulty detecting washers with insufficient heat treatment
- After a "walk home" event by the OEM it was evident thrust washers needed to be 100% inspected, 100% of the time
- Conventional approaches for 100% inspection for hardness, flatness, and nicks or scratches would be expensive.

- Small Parts built costeffective, automated inspection systems
- Automatically inspected for:
  - Hardness Range
  - Dimensional Accuracy
  - Damage
  - Mixed Product
- Technology can be adapted for various applications



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#### **Eliminate Manual Bolt Insertion**



#### **Problem**

- High volume terminal was tooled with a manual bolt insertion process
- When the volumes increased the <u>manual process</u> proved to be too costly



- Small Parts Inc. redesigned the die to <u>automatically</u> feed and install the bolt inside the die.
- Worked with the bolt supplier to improve their part and ensure the part worked well with the new die.
- The solution yielded a process cost savings of 10%

# **Reduction in Scrap**

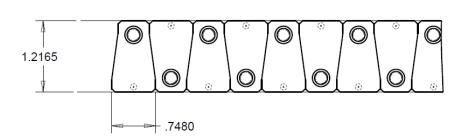


#### **Problem**

- A new customer had a part they originally intended to run on a punch press operation
- A <u>punch press operation</u>
   <u>resulted in nearly 40%</u>
   <u>scrap</u> of an expensive
   nickel material

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- Re-designed the tool layout
- A multi-slide application was selected
- Running on a <u>multi-slide</u> <u>press resulted in scrap</u> reduction of 85%.



# **Eliminate Secondary Process**



#### Problem

- Customer's part design required two separate pieces to be stamped and assembled.
- This design resulted in <u>2</u>
   <u>separate die's and assembly</u>
   fixture.



#### **Solution**

 Small Parts developed the process to <u>feed two</u> <u>perpendicular strips</u> of material into the press to stamp and assemble the components in-die, thereby eliminating a more costly secondary assembly process

# **Problem Solving by Small Parts**

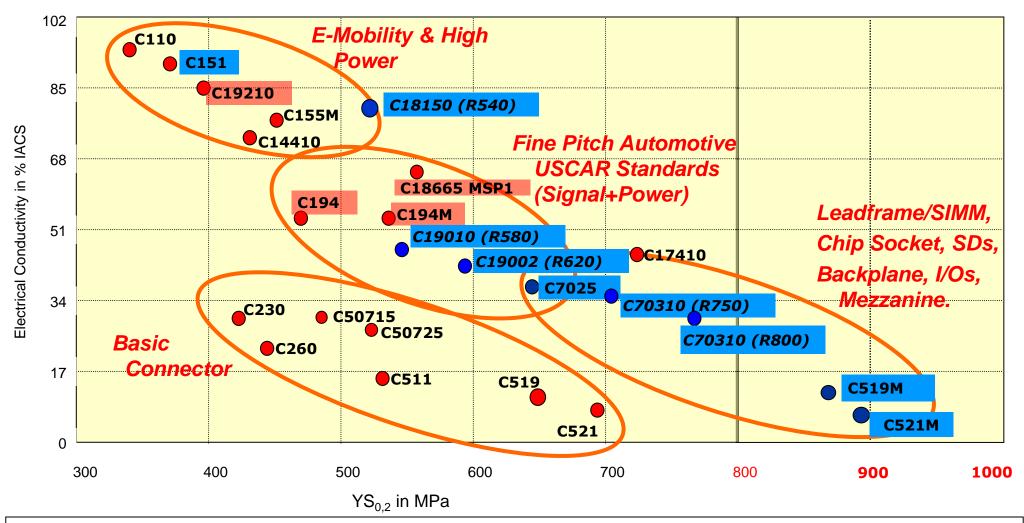


- Our <u>in-die technology</u> ensures high quality and minimal manual or secondary processes
- Our <u>automation</u> group develops cost effective solutions for increased quality and productivity
- We continue to demonstrate <u>innovative solutions</u> to customers manufacturing issues
- Our experienced design team can <u>optimize your design</u> if involved early in the development process
- We have been actively working with customers and offering innovative solutions for years.

# **ABC Metals Enabling Technology** for Material Solutions



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**Basic CON = Low Conductivity, Moderate-High Strength (Brasses & Basic Bronze)** LF / Chips = Medium Conductivity, High Strength (Special CuNiSi, CuSn Alloys) **USCAR Std** = Moderate Strength, Med-Hi Conductivity (CuNiSi, CuMg, CuFe) derate-Low Strength, High Conductivity (CuCrZr, GuMg, CuZr) ABC Metals

# MPI Commodity Mgt Systems = Predictable Results



### **Problem**

Commodity market
 volatility created raw
 material pricing instability
 for an OEM requiring
 <u>frequent adjustments to</u>
 their material costs

- ABC Metals through SPI secured a <u>firmed</u> price the OEM for 3 years via an innovative hedging, strategy.
- \*\*This program began before and was supported through the 'recessionary' storm of 2008/2009





# **Holistic Supply Chain Solutions**



# **Problem**

- The original maker of <u>C155</u>
   was no longer effective in
   its production; leading to
   quality and delivery issues.
- Supply chain to a large manufacturer was jeopardized, with line down issues looming.

- ABC Metals intervened by offering an alternate alloy STOL77 CuMgSn available globally.
- Qualifying process was quick & seamless.
- Price reduction offered.
- ABC logistics kept line running the customer was uninterrupted





# **ABC Key Message Summary**



- ABC Metals offers full-line support for metal consumers:
  - Access to a wide portfolio of 'Name Brand' High Performance & Engineered alloys supporting global platforms.
  - Enabling technology and alloy services for design phase decisions in OEMs, Tier I assembly houses, Tier II-III stampers and fabricators, etc.
  - Stable and predictable materials cost control using MPI's innovative and proprietary strategies (financial & inventory & hedging modules).
  - Corporate stability and capitalization to support long-term growth and service needs in the Americas (North, Central & South).
  - Multi-plant footprint that directly supports USA and Mexico with corporate wide TS-16949 certification.
  - Processing expertise coupled to <u>internal logistics solutions</u> that mitigate line downs while preserving ROCE goals.
     ABC Metals

# ABC Metals Product Offering: > 40 Connector Alloys & Coatings

for electronics, automotive & interconnect industries!

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Alloy	ASTM
Family	Reference
Standard Coppers	9 Varieties
Standard Brasses	10 Varieties C210, C220, C230, C240, C260, C268, C270, C272, C274, C280
Standard Tin Bronzes	5 Varieties  C51100 C51000 C51900 C52100 C54400

Alloy Family	ASTM Reference
12 Varieties Standardized HPA Alloys	C14410 C14415 C15500 C19210 C19400 C42500 C4252 C50715 - KLF5 C50725 - KLF5Z
Specialty Cu-Ni Bronzes	5 Varieties  C70600 C75200 C75400 C75700 C76200

Alloy Family	ASTM Reference
High Performance Alloys Globally Available	C151 CuZr C155M Stol77 C19010 Stol76 C19002 Stol76M C19002 ECO C18665 MSP1 C194M Stol79 C64725 Max251 C70310 Max375 C18150 Stol95
Coatings Electro-Tin, Tin Silver, Tin Alloy & Hardened Tin	Reflow Electro Tin Hot Tin Dip Sn HT SnAgSb SnAg4 SnAg 95/5

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