

Consistency in quality and service spurs growth of Buhrke Tool & Engineering Company.

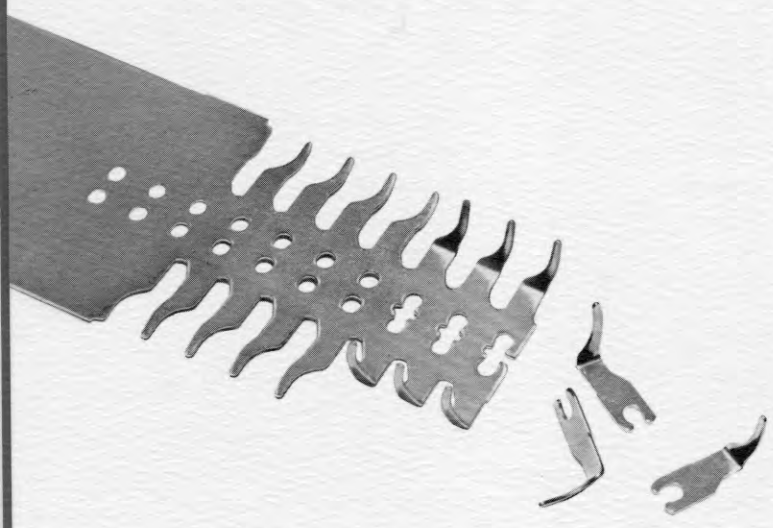
"Consistency" is the key word with Mr. Fred Buhrke, founder and president of Buhrke Tool & Engineering Co., Arlington Heights, Illinois. When he started his one man shop twenty years ago in Chicago it was on a simple principle... "provide high quality and service *consistently*." Today, as you tour the impressive suburban facilities of the 100 man firm you can easily see that Buhrke has the right idea.

While specializing in the design and manufacture of sophisticated progressive dies, the company has also made stampings for years. Recently, with its reputation as a die builder firmly established on an international basis, Buhrke Tool & Engineering has aggressively moved into the long run contract stamping business. They offer a complete package program including design engineering, die manufacture, die try-out and production stamping. To better serve the growing demands of customers, most of them well-known names in the container, communications, business machine and automotive industries, a separate stamping division has been organized.

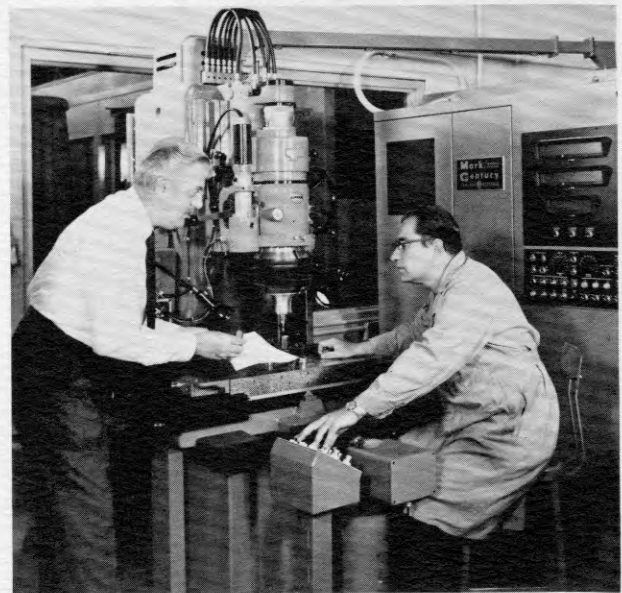
MINSTER PRESSES PLAY VITAL ROLE

Fred Buhrke bought his first Minster press in July 1964. His need was for a press that could be used for two specific purposes; 1. to de-bug big, exotic progressive dies. 2. for profitable long-run production of quality, precision stampings. The Minster Piece-Maker, purchased through Luther & Pederson did both jobs well and Buhrke was impressed. Now this plant is heavily equipped with three P2-60's, a P2-30, a P2-100 and a P2-150. These are job-tailored Piece-Makers, custom-engineered and equipped for the really precise, highly automated production operations required by Buhrke customers.

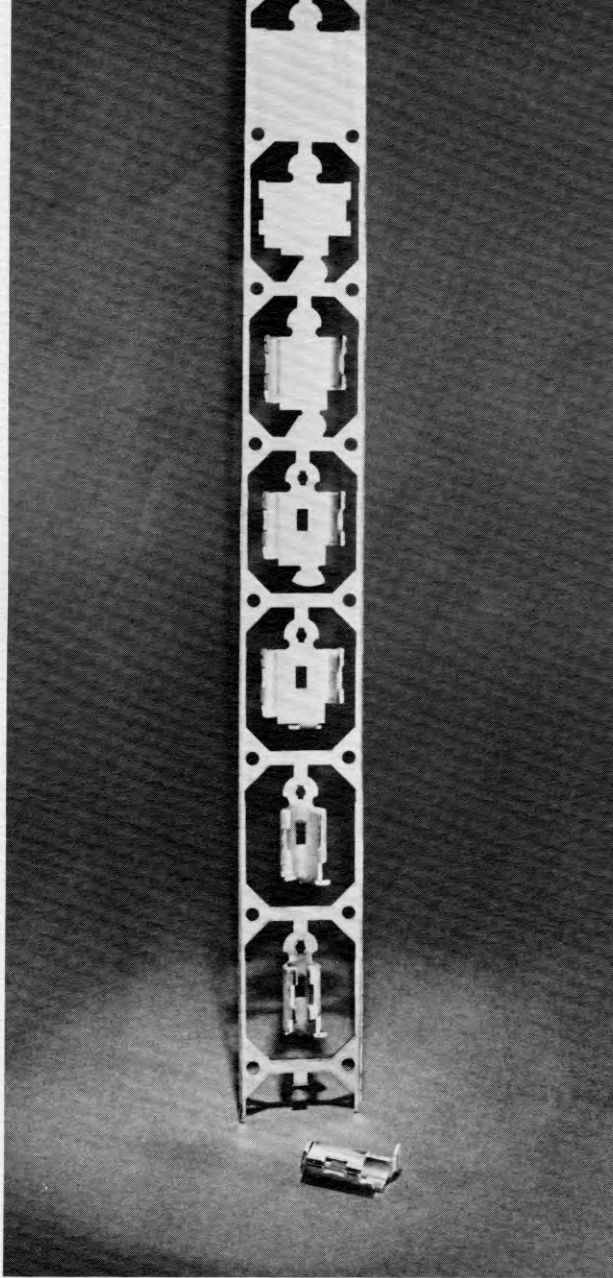
Fred Buhrke says, "Consistency is the key to producing quality stampings and a Minster is a consistent press. You can depend on it. They're no trouble. We get excellent service from Luther & Pedersen and from Minster but we don't need service on the presses themselves."



The familiar "finger stop" on your telephone is a simple high production part run by Buhrke. Made of stainless steel .050" thick from a strip 4" wide in a P2-60 press.



Mr. Fred Buhrke, left, president of Buhrke Tool & Engineering, confers with operator of a Continuous Path N/C Moore Jig Grinder used for precision die work. This machine was the second of its type built by Moore and the first to be purchased by a contract tool and die shop.



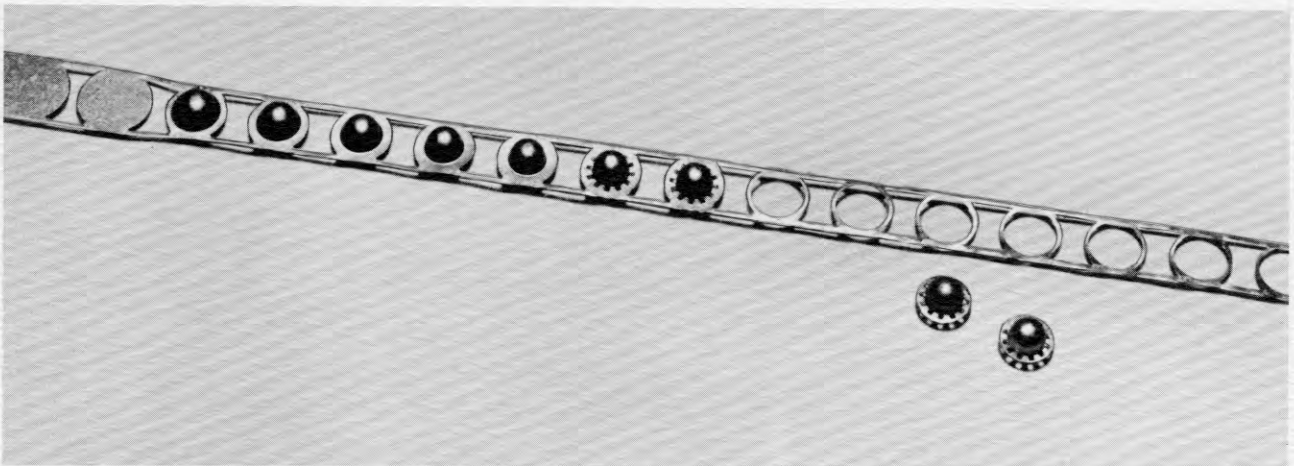
Very intricate carbide dies are used to run this lock spindle key in Buhrke's P2-100 Piece-Maker. Material is stainless steel or cold rolled steel .080" thick and 2-1/3" wide.



Highly automated P2-150-54 press in Buhrke plant.



Minster P2-30 Presses to manufacture ring pull tabs for the can industry.



Another telephone part, a precise front electrode. Buhrke designed and built the dies and makes long production runs. Material is brass .006" thick and 9/16" wide.