

Trend Technologies Banks on Minster Dependability



An E2-600 ton press at Trend Technologies.

Industry leaders like Dell, Cisco, Hewlett-Packard, Nortel and Sun Microsystems have chosen Trend Technologies as a supplier because of its proven quality and performance.

“We work with a lot of high-tech, fast-moving companies,” said John Taylor, Stamping Manager at Trend Technologies in Round Rock, Texas. “We have to balance quality with delivery, and if we don’t meet what the customer wants, they pull their tool out and go someplace else.

“That’s where the dependability of Minster comes in,” Taylor continued. “We have to have presses that we can depend on, and that’s exactly what we get with Minster.”

With facilities located around the globe, Trend Technologies is a world class integrated enclosure



Trend Technologies' modern manufacturing facility in Round Rock, Texas.



Minster's material handling line helps integrate press work at Trend Technologies.

supplier offering a full compliment of manufacturing, engineering and design services to its customers including: product conception, design and engineering; tool development, fabrication and pre-production; production and electro-mechanical assembly; and continuous improvement.

The Round Rock facility opened in 1998, and includes several Minster presses and material handling lines.

“We deal primarily with computer manufacturers at this facility, and they change models quite often,” Taylor said. “We have to be able to react quickly, and usually in large volumes.

“The Minster presses are very flexible,” Taylor added. “We go from one type of steel to another, from 100 strokes-per-minute to 35 and we know the press is going to handle it.”

Minster’s material handling systems, and Production Management Control (PMC) integrated with the presses, also helps Trend Technologies maintain its versatility.



Several Minster presses and coil lines aid in the production of computer components at Trend Technologies.



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“We like the automatic press settings on the PMC,” Taylor said. “Minster’s controls help with quicker changeover and they make the whole operation less worrisome. Our operators don’t have to baby-sit the press. We can put it in a progressive mode and go.”

Along with delivering the part on time, Trend Technologies has a reputation for unwavering quality.

“We like the consistent part quality we get from the Minster presses,”

Taylor said. “And we keep working with the tool room to improve die life. We have one tool in a Minster press that was designed for one million hits, and we’re now in the three million range with it.

“Overall it’s the dependability. That’s what we have to have,” Taylor concluded. “We’ve got a 400 ton Minster that is 35 years-old. Other than a hydraulic failure, the press has never had a problem. That’s dependable.”