

Featured Company: Anderson Tool & Engineering Co.

Topping off Customer Satisfaction with Meta-Lax[®]

“We now include an additional operation that benefits our customers,” said Bryan Wilhoit, Manufacturing Coordinator at Anderson Tool & Engineering Co., Inc. This type of thinking is rare in today’s fast pace metalworking industry. Though it is just this type of attitude that keeps Anderson Tool, Anderson, Indiana, a leader in the building of precision special machinery. Anderson caters to the automotive, electronics, aerospace, and consumer goods industries, providing complete turnkey operations.

The added operation that Bryan is referring to is the Meta-Lax stress relief process. Anderson purchased their Model 1300-2AT, a graphic documentation unit, in March, 1994. “We did our own test with Meta-Lax compared to furnace stress relief and the Meta-Lax treated parts were better,” said Bryan. “We saw a major difference on the aluminum plates we tested, and noted no movement from machining.”

Anderson uses Meta-Lax on a variety of materials including aluminum, hot rolled steel, and tool steels.



“We typically rough machine, Meta-Lax treat, and perform our final machining steps. “With Meta-Lax we have gained the ability to stress relieve almost anything,” indicated Bryan. “Many times before we could not or did not stress relieve parts due to the time constraints involved when using the furnace. “In addition we do not get any of the side effects associated with the furnace such as scale, discoloration, part distortion and we do not have to sandblast!” Bryan sums up the advantages indicating that, “I just love the time savings that the Meta-Lax offers. Our production was tied up for three days in the past. Now our stress relief takes only a couple of hours and I can do multiple parts at the same time.”

It is easy to understand that Anderson Tool & Engineering has an attitude that helps keep them on top of their industry. A quotation from the company relates this thought, “Just building a machine ‘to print’ falls short of what we feel our customers deserve.” BT

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