

ND Precision Products: A first among equals

Based in Barnstaple, Devon, ND Precision Products is marking its 40th Anniversary with a number of positive actions. Having taken on three new staff from nearby TE Connectivity (formally Tyco Electronics) to cope with the demand for its precision engineering services, the company has also invested in PSL Datatrack advanced production control MRP software, and additional CNC machining technology is being assessed to further enhance efficiencies.

A hands-on, family-owned business, ND Precision Products now has the third generation of the Squire family working under its roof. Managing Director, Nick Squire, recalls: "When my father established the company in 1973, there were just two employees equipped with a milling machine and a lathe, providing tooling and engineering support for an automotive component manufacturer."

Today, ND Precision Products provides a far broader service. Having invested in CNC turning, milling and high speed machining centres, wire and die sink EDM machine tools, and surface and cylindrical grinding, its services have expanded to cater for almost every industry sector. It provides injection and compression mould tools, multistage progression press tooling, complex fixtures and precision machined components, for demanding customers in the aerospace, defence, pharmaceutical and medical, automotive and motorsport, metrology, food and beverage, subsea oil and gas sectors, as well as providing support for general precision engineering companies.

"From a complex multi cavity mould tool to a simple punch and die set, every enquiry we receive is given a thorough review, and we will often go the extra mile to ensure we offer the customer an effective solution at the right price. We have even invested in laser marking and heat treatment equipment to address customers' requirements," Nick Squire explains.

A further example of the company's foresight is evidenced by its investment in advanced laser etching and welding technology. The first large subcontract machine in the South West, the laser welder can accept workpieces up to 350kg and is operated by staff with almost a decade of experience, which is essential to getting any repair or modification work right first time.

Expanding into new markets has been one of ND Precision Products' keys to success, and it was the first UK toolmaker to exhibit in Russia, as Nick Squire says: "We took

the opportunity to exhibit at a Russian mould and tool show, where we presented examples of the solutions we had developed for a number of our customers. It was extremely well received and we have quoted on a number of projects of various sizes since the event."

Accredited to ISO 9001, ND Precision Products is a member of the GTMA and WEAF (West of England Aerospace Forum). The company offers a full service package, which includes 3D CAD/CAM software to design and develop tools and components, precision machining with raw material procurement when required, gauge manufacture, heat treatment, and tool repairs and modifications.

Nick Squire concludes: "Our door is always open to existing and potential customers, and we are keen to show our capabilities and provide advice on any aspect of the precision engineering services we offer. Of course we are all proud to celebrate 40 successful years in business, and we are looking forward to further successes in the future."

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(NDPP1.jpg) ND Precision Products has invested in the largest subcontract laser etching and welding machine in Devon

Note to Editors

From its 5,000ft² facility in North Devon, ND Precision Products provide precision tool making services with an established, long serving and highly experienced workforce and is proud to be able to offer high priority turnaround times together with professional and highly competitive precision engineering services.

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