

## **Earnest Machine Adds New Drilling Capability**

Earnest Machine has added new equipment at its Rocky River, Ohio, facility that enables the company to do high-volume production and specialty drilling of holes from 3/64" to 13/32".

"Earnest has always offered low-volume drilling of parts," said Al Shannon, manufacturing manager at Earnest Machine. "This new equipment opens up additional opportunities, enabling us to bring more drilling services in-house and allows us to take on higher volume runs of up to one million pieces."

Shannon noted that adding high-volume drilling capabilities equips Earnest Machine to offer one-stop shopping for customers who need specialty work, making custom jobs quick and easy. In addition to the ability to drill small diameter holes in small parts in large volumes, Earnest continues to offer hex head and socket head drilling up to 1-1/4" diameter; thread drilling up to 2" diameter; core drilling up to 2-3/4" deep and tapping up to 2-1/2" deep.

"One of the common complaints in our industry is that machine shop work is rarely on time," Shannon said. "At Earnest Machine, we track our shop metrics and our on-time delivery rate is 97.4 percent. That's because everything we do is wrapped in the Earnest customer service experience, including the custom work in our shop. If it's not a quality part, the job's not complete."

Earnest Machine was founded in 1948 and is a global importer, distributor, and manufacturer of large diameter and hard-to-find fasteners for the agriculture, construction equipment, heavy transportation, mining, structural construction and wind industries.

Earnest maintains warehouses, sales offices, and manufacturing centers in Cleveland, Ohio, and Wolverhampton, England, as well as warehouses in Atlanta, Georgia, and Indianapolis, Indiana.