

# K & K Stamping a Leader in Precision Manufacturing

Founded in 1969 by Joseph Koch, President and Richard N. Koch, Vice-President, K & K Stamping Company has evolved into a high-quality supplier of light to medium precision stampings.

K & K recently moved into a new facility in St Clair Shores, Michigan, just outside of Detroit.

K & K Stamping Company has served over 900 customers in a wide variety of markets, including aerospace, agricultural, and the electronics industries. However, the company specializes in the production of windshield wiper components and electronic leadframes for the automotive industry.

“While we specialize in light gauge, high-tolerance stampings, with a focus on wiper components, we continue to serve all of our



**K & K Stamping's new facility at St. Clair Shores, Michigan.**

customers needs across low, middle and high volume orders,” said Sales and Marketing Manager Ben Hockenberry. “Wiper products are a successful market for us because of the standardization opportunities these products offer. Minster equipment is a large part of our push for lean and robust

systems,” he added.

K & K Stamping Company has been an ISO9001 and QS9000 registered company since 1998. They plan to become registered to the new global automotive standard TS16949 as early as June of this year.



**Complete Minster coil lines accompany P2H presses at K & K Stamping.**

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Operations Manager  
K & K Stamping Company

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The Quality Assurance department includes state-of-the-art inspection equipment and facilities to ensure the tightest tolerances are repeated throughout production runs.

“We are committed to continuous improvement of all systems affecting our plant. Our continuous investment in technology allows us to maintain our focus on the highest quality products and still achieve our lean manufacturing efficiencies,” said Steve Schucker, Quality and Engineering Manager.

K & K’s investment in technology includes the use of several Minster presses and material handling systems, including three P2H Series presses.

“Minster presses are vital to our manufacturing operation,” said



**Serving a wide range of customers and applications, K & K Stamping specializes in the production of windshield wiper components and electrical leadframes.**

**Employees recently celebrated the**

Doug Stedtefeld, Engineering Program Manager. “The rigidity of these presses helps us out tremendously. We get consistent quality parts without burr conditions, and we are able to hold the tolerances our customers demand.”

“Minster presses are extremely reliable, and that’s important to us. We are a true just-in-time manufacturer, linked with production elsewhere. We simply cannot afford downtime. It costs us and everyone down the line. That’s why we have Minster





**the grand opening of K & K Stamping's new facilities.**

presses in here," added Joe duLac, General Manager.

"Minster's service and reliability are excellent. If we ever do need their Service Department the response time has been outstanding. Good support is key to us and that includes on-site or on the phone. Minster personnel are very knowledgeable and have been very helpful in talking us through any problem that we have had," said Alan Cooper, Production Manager.

Utilizing Minster's integrated coil line and controls, K & K Stamping has realized the benefits of increased production.

"With the double ended reels and die carousels we're able to pre-stage material and applications," Stedtefeld said. "It is very helpful to have a complete manufacturing package from a single source. We are currently looking into Minster's PMConnect software, which provides real-time production data.

That is the direction we must move, and the ability to grow with Minster's expanding technology is vital to us."

Sitting in a conference room above the manufacturing floor, Mary Ann Stone, Operations Manager, sums up the relationship between K & K Stamping and the Minster Machine Company. "It is all about consistency and confidence," she said. "All day, every day we listen to those presses run. We listen to every stroke and are confident that there are no variations in the press, and confident that we are manufacturing a good product for our customers."

For additional information about the products and services offered by the K & K Stamping Company, contact the sales team at (586) 443-7900, or visit K & K online at [www.kandkcorp.com](http://www.kandkcorp.com).



**P2H-160 Press at K & K Stamping.**