

# Wico and Minster -- Driven to Success

For over 30 years Wico Metal Products has had a reputation as a high quality stamping, tapping, and assembly company. Their success lies in providing volume parts, subassemblies, and assemblies to the automotive and supplier companies as well as to the general manufacturing industry of the Midwest.

Located in Warren, Michigan, 95-percent of the company's business includes the stamping they provide to a "Big Three" auto manufacturer. Automatic and high volume tapping and assembly is their specialty. "It's no secret that Minster presses outperform other machines," said Elmer Kretsch, Vice President, General Manager of Wico Metal Products.

Wico thrives on the challenges each job creates. "There are so many variables that have to be considered in each piece," said Mr. Kretsch. "That's why we can always count on Minster's service department. Any time there is a problem, if Minster's service technicians can't help us over the phone, they send someone within 24 hours."

"Minsters are great equipment. I am proud to set dies in their presses," says Archie Dillard, Vice President of Quality Control. Dillard cites the dependability of Minster presses as a major factor of the company's high productivity. Minster presses are tighter, faster, and offer more options such as speeds, die life, part quality, and uptime."

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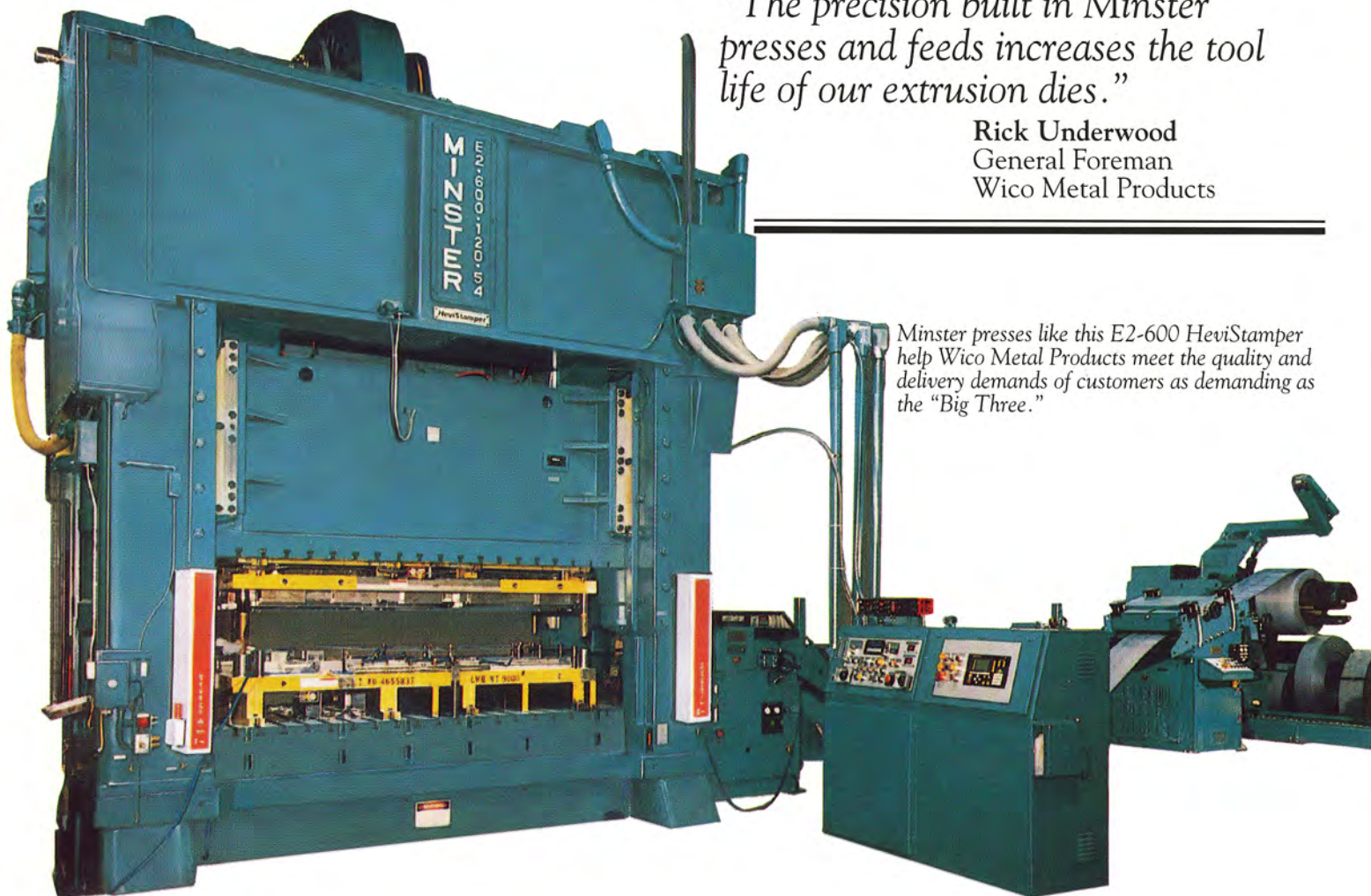
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*"The precision built in Minster presses and feeds increases the tool life of our extrusion dies."*

**Rick Underwood**  
General Foreman  
Wico Metal Products

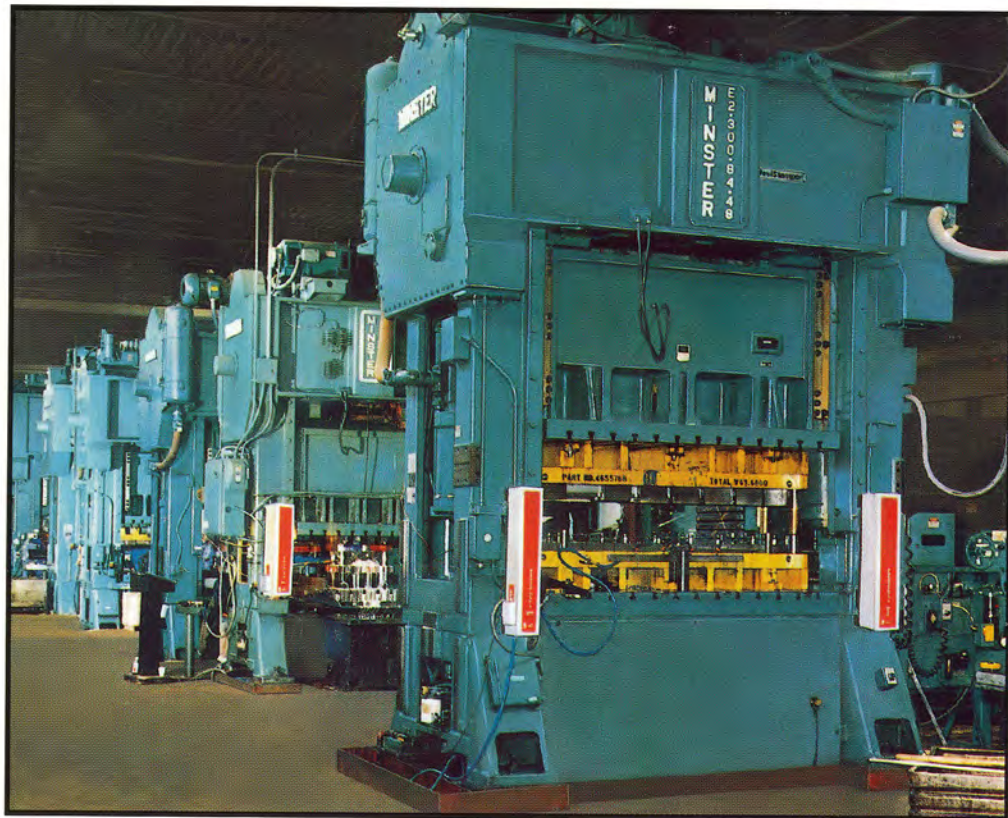
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Minster presses like this E2-600 HeviStamper help Wico Metal Products meet the quality and delivery demands of customers as demanding as the "Big Three."

Dillard stated that problems are few and far between because Minster presses are so reliable. That reliability is paramount when it comes to filling rush orders, "Just in Time" (JIT) deliveries, and especially in the company's rigorous quality control standards. Dillard also says that the two things Wico's customers look for are good parts and on time deliveries. "Without the quality, capability, and repeatability of Minster presses, our customers wouldn't be so satisfied."



Wico Metal Products line of Minster presses has grown steadily in the past few years, with two additional presses scheduled for delivery in October.

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*"Being an all Minster House has lifted us in the eyes of our biggest asset and customer, The Chrysler Corporation."*

Les Tyburski  
Vice President Engineering  
Wico Metal Products

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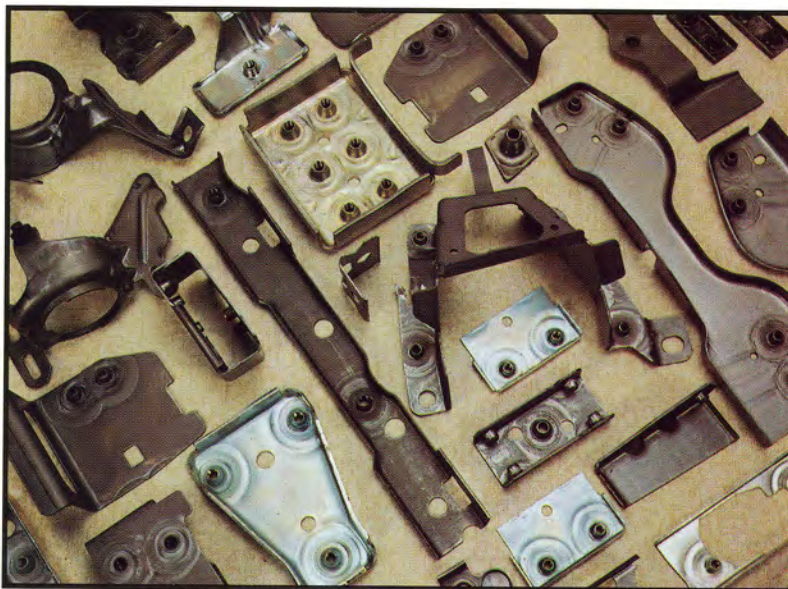
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*"I heard about Minster presses and now that I have experienced depending on them; I realize their reputation is well deserved."*

Will Bowlus  
Vice President Sales  
Wico Metal Products

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These are just a few examples of the parts produced at Wico Metal Products.