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Norbert Industries opens new 21,000-sq.ft. manufacturing facility to support higher production volumes.

STERLING HEIGHTS, MICH. — To meet rapidly-increasing customer demands and production volumes, Norbert Industries, Inc., a leading supplier of precision machined parts, has opened a new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility that will nearly double the company's production floor space.

The new 21,000-sq.-ft. facility, located just a few doors from Norbert's 29,000 sq.-ft. main production facility, houses advanced machining equipment including a 13-station automated conveyer system machining station called Palletech EH480. This sophisticated machining station features two FMS intelligent controllers that ensure consistent production of quality parts to accuracy within 1/30 of a human hair.

"This level of accuracy is a must in our industry," said Kevan Johnston, president/general manager of the Hy-Vac Group. "This new facility shows our commitment to quality and to the level of service to our customers for years to come." Norbert, an ISO 9002 certified company, is a leading supplier of high-volume, precision-machined parts to the aerospace, defense, automotive and industrial markets.

"Our new facility is designed for high production runs, which will enable us to meet the ever increasing time sensitive schedules while still giving our customers the competitive pricing they need," said Dorne Lefere, Norbert vice president of sales and marketing.

Norbert is currently producing connecting rods, sumps, accessory housings, inlet cases, diaphragms, covers and assembly pallets at the new facility. The building will also house Norbert's rapidly expanding assembly services in the machine tool and material handling sector, putting their full service capabilities under one roof. Norbert's advanced capabilities and integrated services enable them to partner with such global companies as ABB, American Axle, DaimlerChrysler, Fanuc Robotics, General Dynamics, Getrag Gears, Hamilton Sundstrand, Johann A. Krause, Lamb, Landis Gardner, Lockheed Martin, Pratt & Whitney — Canada, Shaw Aero Devices, Simpson Industries, Smith & Nephew, Textron Lycoming and United Defense.

"Our rigorous quality process ensures our growth," said Bill Allen, Norbert director of quality control. "Each part produced goes through a battery of pressure and particulate testing. To further ensure quality, many parts are run through one of our new facility's two coordinate measurement machines (CMM) to make sure that the customers' exacting standards are met."

Not content with the status quo, Norbert will continue investing in advanced technology keeping giving their customers a competitive advantage.

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Norbert is a member of the Hy-Vac Group, leaders in heat-treating and machining technology. With facilities in Detroit, Sterling Heights, MI, and Memphis, TN, the Hy-Vac Group is comprised of Hy-Vac Technologies, Inc., Norbert Industries, Inc. and Hy-Vac Medical Technologies, Inc.

