



Photo shows (at left) new 25,000 sq. ft. addition to Richmond's plant which will house O.B.I. presses and free existing space for presses on order.

## Fast Growing Richmond Tool & Stampings Inc. is fully-equipped with Minster presses.

"This company's success has been built on Minster presses" states Mr. James Robinson, President of Richmond Tool & Stampings, Inc., Richmond, Kentucky. "There's just no question in our minds . . . it's the best press on the market. We keep ordering Minster's ahead to meet our anticipated requirements so we won't have to use any other equipment."

Richmond Tool & Stampings was started with four people in October, 1969, in the midst of a recession period, by Mr. Robinson and three other men. They started with one Minster 100 ton Piece-Maker press and two No. 5 Minster OBI's. Today they have over 150 employees, eighteen Minsters in operation and fourteen more on order. The company is growing rapidly and will soon move into a 25,000 sq. ft. addition to the original 33,000 sq. ft. plant. The firm produces an average of 500,000 parts per two shift day in serving the automotive, business machine, electrical, communications and construction industries. Much of their production is centered about intricate, high tolerance typewriter parts which are run progressively on the Minster Piece-Makers. Some parts then go to a bank of Minster OBI's for secondary operations.

Another high volume area of their business is stamping a wide variety of parts for automotive seat belts. Dick Ray, Executive Vice-President, who runs the production end of the business, recalls producing 700,000 seat belt latch clips in one week with one die and one Minster P2-100 press. Using .087" thick 4130 steel they ran 24 hours a day . . . one stroke per part, at 195 spm. He says "Only a Minster press could do that!"

Citing another reason why they are completely sold on Minster presses Jim Robinson tells of a seat belt retractor frame of .120" thick cold rolled steel which came into the shop before their first Minster P2-150 press was delivered. They sent the job out temporarily where it was running in a 200 ton press at a top speed of 30 spm. When the P2-150 went into operation they ran the same part at 120 spm and Robinson says "It never fazed that Minster! You can do things with a Minster that you just can't do with others."

Being fully equipped with Minster presses has given Richmond Tool & Stampings a sharp competitive edge. Well-known firms from all over the nation ship in dies for them to run in order to get higher productivity and better part quality at the right price.

The company will soon take delivery on a big E2-300 HeviStamper® press. "We're knocking a hole in the ceiling to make room for that 300 ton press and then we'll be able to produce a much broader range of part sizes. I've been turning down jobs and this new Minster E2 will help us increase our business," says Jim Robinson who does the selling for the firm.

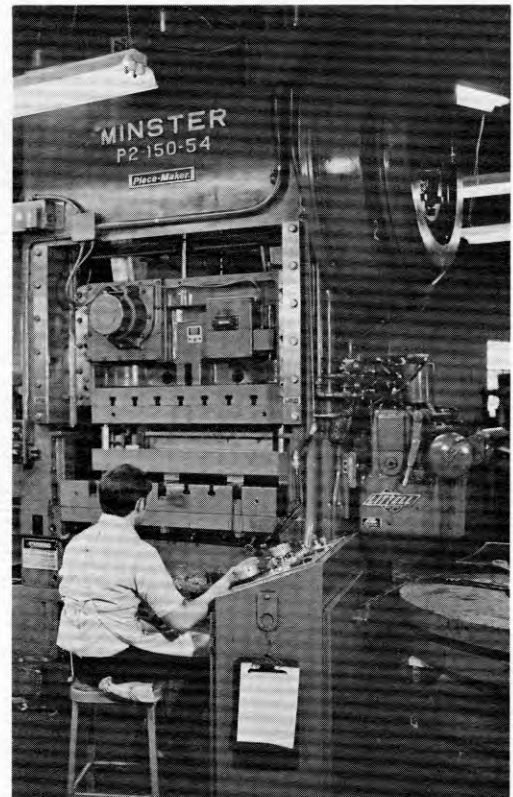
Summing up his experience Dick Ray explained. "With a Minster you've got a lot more press. You can fully load it to capacity without worrying. We won't consider any others." And Jim Robinson adds, "I've never had a breakdown on a Minster in 13 years of working with them running 16 to 20 hours a day. It's a press that's virtually maintenance free except for normal things you expect. Even a Rolls-Royce has to have the points replaced once in awhile."



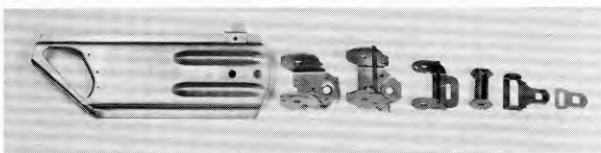
Minster P2 Piece-Maker® high speed automatic production presses ranging in tonnage capacity from 45 to 200 tons give Richmond Tool & Stamping high productivity on a wide variety of parts.



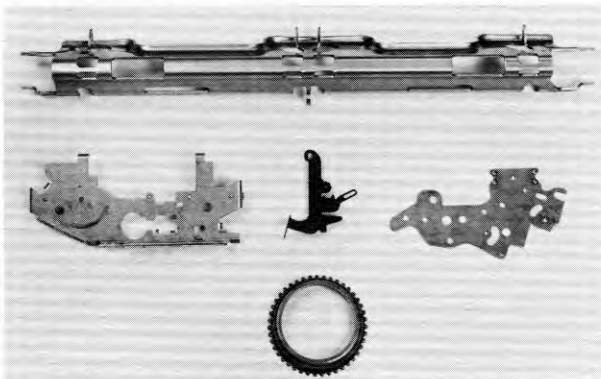
Secondary operations are performed on Minster O.B.I. presses.



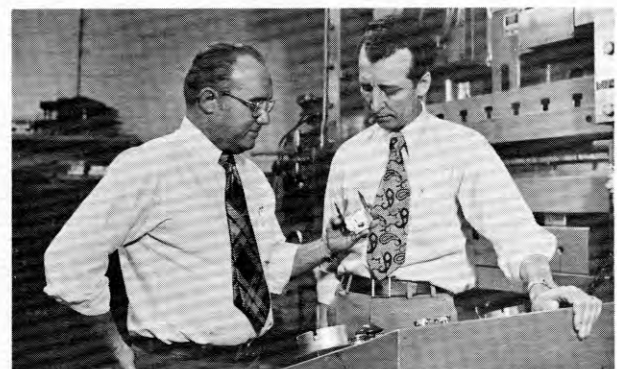
Minster P2-150 produces seat belt parts at 120 spm.



Typical seat belt parts produced on Minster presses at Richmond Tool & Stamping.



Broad range of parts for business machines, electrical and construction industries.



Jim Robinson, left, President, and Dick Ray, Executive Vice President, inspect seat belt retractor part being run on a P2-150 press.