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A BRAND AT-1



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GOALS

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DETAILS

INDUSTRY

Oil and Gas

PART Valve

MATERIAL Low Carbon Steel (1018)

MACHINE Vertical Milling Center

SPINDLE CAT50

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NEW TOOLING A Brand AT-1 Thread Mill 0.737" | 6 Flute | EgiAs

OVER \$20,000 ANNUAL SAVINGS!

THE STRATEGY

Based on the needs of the customer, OSG decided that the AT-1 thread mill would give the customer the best chance of success. With the AT-1 being designed to be a one pass thread mill OSG was able to produce an acceptable thread finish in one pass, while the current competitor tool was not able to do the same.

	Original Process	NEW Process
Tool Diameter (Inch)	0.737″	
Cutting Speed (RPM • SFM)	2,850 • 550	
Feed (IPM)	247.95	248
Thread Depth (In)	1.75″	
Cycle Time (Minutes)	0.4787	0.1596
Tool Life (# of Holes)	6,400	9,000







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THE RESULTS

By reducing the number of passes from 3 passes to one, the customer's cycle time dropped by near 20 seconds per part. Additionally, because of the AT-1's anti-vibration design, the thread quality was increased by elimnating the chatter marks. These two tools were run at identical machining parameters, but even with the the single pass, the AT-1 increased the overall tool life between the tools by an additionaly 2,600 holes per tool.

- Increased overall tool life by 2,600 holes per tool!
- Reduced cycle time by 20 seconds per part.

Results Overview		
Cycle Time Saved Per Part (Minutes)	0.32	
Number of Parts Per Year	50,000	
Annual Cycle Time Saved (Minutes)	15,957	
Annual Machine Cost Savings	\$19,946	
Tool Life Productivity Improvement (%)	41%	
Annual Tool Change Cost Savings	\$14.11	
Total Machining Cost Saved Annually	\$20,931	

THE CONCLUSION

The customer was able to save **over \$20,000 in overall machining cost** because of the AT-1's lower cycle time reduction and the increase in tool life.



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