

FINE LINE PRODUCTION

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Fine Line Production, a North Texas company specializing in fabricating, laser cutting, robotic welding and stamping, **celebrated its 20th anniversary** July 25, 2006. Customers, guests and employees attended the company event including the plaque presentation from Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC) for ISO 9001 and Lean Manufacturing Implementation.

Texas Senator Kim Brimer, District 10, and Randy Bohannon of TMAC awarded the plaque and spoke of the company's success and their contribution toward increasing the competitiveness of manufacturing the State of Texas.

Mayor Pro Tem, Linda Martin, presented certificate of Appreciation from the City of Euless in honor of Fine Line Production's 20th Anniversary, achievements and success in Euless.

"We provide made-to-order products per customer specifications and in house tool design and tool building to ensure repeatability," said Richard Smith, VP of operations. "With our manufacturing strength, technical know-how and "Just-In-Time" response, we can provide quality drawn, stamped, and fabricated components in a variety of metal alloys."

Fine Line Production specializes in laser cutting production. With a table size of 48" x 96", materials can be cut up to the following thicknesses: steel up to .500", 304 stainless up to .250" and 5052 aluminum up to .188". Laser cutting produces exact cuts in virtually any shape, at any angle, and through materials that would destroy or be destroyed by contact cutting tools. Features include, flat sheet cutting, sharp edge definition utilizing a 5-axis laser control.

Fine Line Production has three ABB Robotic welders with turntable multi-station fixtures suitable for welding two-dimensional and three-dimensional parts through a wide working envelope.

Stampings are produced on modern, servo-driven, coil fed equipment using progressive dies for large runs. Fine Line Production manufactures a wide variety of small to large size flat and formed parts on compound, progressive, transfer and deep draw tooling. The company has a full range of presses including hand feed, deep draw, and fully automatic high speed presses that use the latest technology in feeding equipment and press controls.

Fine Line also offers tool and die, CNC machining, deep drawing and heaving stamping and fabrication. Customers can work with engineers in the design plan and complete production of all types of metal products.

Fine Line Production's quality system complies with international standards for quality assurance. In 2002 Fine Line launched an ISO 9001:2000 conversion project. This project along with the continued business coaching and various other training opportunities began to have an impact on company performance. Fine Line management began to measure their company's performance and the success began to build upon itself. The company was ISO 9001:2000 registered August, 2002. Measuring equipment is strategically located throughout the facility to maximize overall efficiency. The calibration system includes a broad range of inspection instruments.

According to President Gerard Smith, "The true value of TMAC is the ability for small manufacturers to access a wealth of consultation knowledge at a cost they can absorb. Consultants of the caliber employed with TMAC are primarily available only to large manufacturers. These larger manufacturers then award their contracts to offshore foreign suppliers for higher profits rather than use their American counterparts. TMAC has literally saved thousands of American jobs in Texas by offering their services and products to smaller manufacturers like Fine Line Production who in turn are able to become more productive and competitive."

The company serves a variety of industries including furniture manufacturing, defense, aerospace, transportation, highway safety, oil field, health & fitness equipment, conveyor manufacturing, electronics and telecommunications and general manufacturing.