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## THREE NEW PRESSES TO RUN !

As we move forward in the 21st century, we are proud to announce that three new presses have been added to our one hundred thousand square foot production floor. The lower tonnage presses have a special need here at Wedge; they are always in

use! The "Bliss" models are 35 and 45 ton capacity. With 130 strokes per minute, we have gained an edge to our production flexibility and given our schedulers the edge they need.



## New Quality Engineer

Wedge Products would like to introduce Patrick Sweeney as our new Quality Engineer. Pat has over 15 years of quality experience. He has excellent knowledge of the QS/ISO quality systems. Pat's heavy automo-

tive background will aid in maintaining our 1st and 2nd tier business. We are glad to have him on board.



## How Was Your Audit ?

We are proud to report that ours went great! Our re-assessment audit was completed in July 2004. We sure don't like to boast, but all of our employees have worked very diligently to

help us obtain and maintain our ISO 9001:2000 "Certified" status. Our current certificate can be viewed and printed from our website: [www.wedgeproducts.com](http://www.wedgeproducts.com).



## \*\* Long Term Business \*\*

One of the best things we can do in today's ever-changing market is to make and keep good business relationships. We have made a solid one. The Network Procurement agreement was signed between Wedge Products and Parker Hannifin—ACD Division. This is a long term business agree-

ment that allows both companies financial stability. It gives Parker the benefits of vendor stability and we receive a customer committed to utilizing Wedge Products as a key supplier.



## RUBBER PLUG

### For Grease/Dust Caps

Wedge is excited about this new product. It is molded right here in Ohio. The plug is used to provide easy access to lube the bearing of an axle hub. We manufacture the caps with a standard hole size and our plug is inserted during assembly. Should you have any questions or if you would like a sample, just give us a call. (330) 425-0099.



## Recently Retired ?

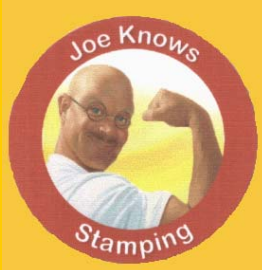
DOLORES ADKINS, An employee with over 28 years at Wedge Products has retired this year. Dolores was a key employee that worked production as well as inspection. Dolores had near perfect attendance for all of her 28 years at Wedge. We will certainly miss her. We have, however, persuaded Dolores to do some inspection work at home. Now if we could only fit a punch press in her living room. Hmm.

### Trivial Trivia!

~Levis Strauss blue jeans with copper rivets were priced at \$13.50 per dozen in 1874.

~Most American car horns honk in the key of F.

~The first product to have a bar code on its packaging was Wrigley's gum.



This has certainly been an interesting year. Steel prices are continuing to rise with no peak in sight. A lot of rumors are surfacing about when it will end, but in reality no one can really predict what will happen. We all need to keep in close contact with our customers and share any information and ideas we have to be as competitive and fair as possible. Long term partnerships will be the key to being competitive in this volatile market. Let's all make an effort to support our customers and buy their products whenever possible. Good Luck!

*Joseph DePiero*

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General Manager

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