

R. Bourgeois and Minster..

Satisfying Customers for Generations



World headquarters and manufacturing facility of R. Bourgeois in Besançon, France.

R. Bourgeois was founded in 1929 in the quaint French city of Besançon by Raymond Alphonse Bourgeois and his wife.

Mr. Raymond A. Bourgeois realized the risk of establishing a business during an era of economic doubt highlighted by the crisis on Wall Street.

However, the company has grown and prospered. And success has been achieved through the hard work, sound business practices and financial consciousness of two generations and is carried on today

by the third generation.

As a result, R. Bourgeois is one of the most important players in the worldwide lamination stamping industry for electric motors and transformers, as well as in the design and manufacturing of high precision carbide stamping dies.

Processing over 170,000 tons of steel per year, the R. Bourgeois manufacturing division maintains



facilities throughout Europe, China and the United States. With a commitment toward customer satisfaction and quality products, R. Bourgeois has earned an international reputation as a world class supplier.

An important factor in the success of R. Bourgeois has been its

dedication to high quality manufacturing processes, which includes a long-standing relationship with The Minster Machine Company.

“Our devotion and recognition of the reliability of Minster equipment has never been questioned during three generations,” said Raymond N. Bourgeois, Vice President of Sales.

“And we are confident the recently purchased PM4-315 press, which will be exhibited at the 2002 EuroBlech Show in Hannover, Germany, will continue its existence for many years to come.”

“In addition,” Mr. R. Bourgeois continued, “we will soon be

starting another new Minster E2H-550 press at Scoder, an R. Bourgeois division”

R. Bourgeois also has some subsidiaries abroad, including China, which operates Minster PM3 lamination presses.

The first Minster press, an E2-250, was installed at R. Bourgeois in Besançon in March, 1967.

At that time, Mr. Raymond A. Bourgeois asked, “in what aspect is this press better than the others available?”

The owner and President of The Minster Machine Company at the time, John Herkenhoff, who like many entrepreneurs of this period was building a full-service organization based on technology, manufacturing, sales, and support,

looked at Mr. Bourgeois’ son and answered, “When your young man here has white hairs on his head, I promise the press I sell you today will still be running!”

Today, that E2-250 is still running 24 hours per day after 35 years of hard work.

Mr. Bourgeois added, “of course, the press is not running as fast as the presses with today’s technology, but it is fully capable and reliable, just like Mr. Herkenhoff promised.”

“The main strength and advantage of Minster is that it is operating successfully among a few powerful worldwide competitors, just like Bourgeois”, said Olivier Bourgeois, Vice President of Purchasing.



Some of the world’s finest precision carbide dies are produced at R. Bourgeois in Besançon, France.

“With the help of our Minster equipment, we are also able to compete effectively against very tough global competition”

The R. Bourgeois company recognizes it would not be what it is today if it could not rely on the loyalty, support, and technical efficiency afforded by Minster.

“Strength, rigidity, penetration stability at constant speed, simplicity, and after sales service are the most important characteristics of Minster” reports Maintenance Manager Antonio Avenia, who is regarded as ‘Mr. Minster’ at Bourgeois. “These attributes affect the lifetime of our dies and quality of the parts produced and make us successful with our customers. The Minster equipment makes this possible”.

The R. Bourgeois company remains one of the most prestigious in the world and is proud of its association with The Minster Machine Company and strong relationship with Minster’s fourth generation.



*Minster PM3 presses (above) in
Minster E2 550 produces motor*



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