

"The Sharper Edge"

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Ron Olson, Kinetic's milling department leadman, verifying lifter shoe hole location prior to heat treating.

Our durable lifter shoes can take the heat

We've said it before, and we'll say it again—please don't think of us only as a knife and mandrel producer. We also produce things like work rolls for high speed Sendzimir mills, lifter shoes, and tong points. What's more, we're always looking for new ways to help the paper and steel industries operate more effectively.

Let us tell you about our lifter shoes. We've been producing them for about eight years with great success. What makes our lifter shoes better than most on today's market? The tool steel we use and our own heat treating process.

The special properties of the tool steel

itself enables the shoes to withstand the intense heat and stress they are routinely subjected to. In addition, our in-house heat treatment process enhances the metallurgical properties of the steel, making it even stronger and therefore more durable.

Because we heat-treat the parts ourselves, we are able to closely control the quality of the process. That's important. The job these lifter shoes do is a tough one. The weight and intense heat of the slabs make producing long-lasting lifter shoes a real challenge.

To meet the challenge, we have to

strike a balance among three factors: heat tolerance, wear resistance, and general toughness. The result is a better, more durable shoe.

How much better? How much more durable? The crew in one Ohio steel mill now insists that their shoes be made by Kinetic. The long-lasting, durable shoes prove themselves cost effective.

The experience we have in producing parts and heat treating steel gives us a valuable versatility. Our expertise can be used in many applications. Remember us when you need help in solving challenging productivity problems.



Microblade smithers applying their special Sheffield craft to the manufacture of log saw blades.

Microblade Limited of Sheffield, England – adds second shift to keep up with demand

Last June, this newsletter announced that Microblade Limited of Sheffield, England had become part of the Kinetic family. As Kinetic's president, Joseph Masters, says:

"At that time, we were excited about the acquisition. We knew we had a winning combination. The craftsmanship of the Sheffield sawmakers is unrivaled. Couple that workmanship with our efficient management and production processes, and we knew we would be turning out superior log and facial saws at a competitive price. We could become a world class supplier in the market."

Were we right? The enthusiastic demand and the volume of sales have far exceeded our expectations. Right now Microblade is shipping log and facial saws all over the world. As the demand grew, we had to alter our production schedules. And now we are pleased to announce that we are adding a second shift to keep pace with the growing volume of sales.

Kinetic's goals have always been to satisfy our customers with quality products and reliable service. Microblade's philosophy is no different. That's why we are adding the second shift. We don't want to disappoint those of you who rely on our saws. Rest assured that we feel a responsibility to supply the demand.

About this special issue

We hope that you don't mind receiving this extra issue of *The Sharper Edge*, but we have too much news around here. We found we needed a March issue to handle it all.

The alternatives were to print news in April that's already two months old or to simply skip the articles altogether.

We thought the stories were worth telling. So pardon us if we're added to your mail, but we thought this news was important.