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Currier Plastics Strengthens Prototyping Capabilities

Auburn, NY Currier Plastics has invested in a Haas VF-4 Vertical Machining Center, better known as a CNC machine, to give the custom molder more flexibility with prototype tool builds and general mold modifications.

Joel Sieber, New Product Development Manager said " We're excited to add the CNC machine to our in-house capabilities. The CNC will be used companywide for a variety of applications. such as new product development. The CNC will also be utilized for a variety of applications by both the Injection Molding and Blow Molding departments for upgrades on equipment and we'll be able to manufacture our own parts fixtures for the QA lab." Sieber added that the mill will increase their in house capabilities of tool repair and to make spare parts, which means less dependence on outside resources. "The addition of the mill will also benefit our clients that are looking for cost effective solutions for rapid prototyping and single cavity tooling."

The selection process for a CNC mill was extensive and many factors were considered. The driving force for the custom molder to choose Haas is the ability to interface with Mastercam, the leading CNC programming software and an integrated Gold Partner with SOLIDWORKS®. With the built in toolpaths, the CAD designers will be able to program directly in Solidworks. The Haas mill has high speed vector drive spindles and a 20 Station automatic tool changer and an intuitive programming software package that simplifies set up and operation. Another benefit is the large presence they have in educational institutions. Since Currier recruits from several campuses with plastics degree programs, it is likely the students will already have practical or hands on experience with the operation of the equipment.

Currier Plastics is located in the heart of central New York and has been custom molding for a variety of industries such as plastic packaging, beauty and cosmetics, amenities, household consumables, electronic connectors and medical measuring devices since 1982.

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