



REVOLVO SLASHES LEAD TIMES FOR LARGE BEARINGS BY 400% WITH NEARLY £1M INVESTMENT IN TWO NEW GER VERTICAL GRINDING MACHINES.

Revolvo's almost £1m investment in two new GER CNC grinding machines has improved its throughput of large solid bearings (over 500mm) by over 400%, cutting the lead times currently offered by bearing majors, which average 18-24 month's, to around 24-week's.

The two new GER vertical grinding machines enable Revolvo to increase its throughput of large bearings up to 1,500mm OD, allowing the UK company to expand into new markets, such as Wind Energy, Mining, Steel, Renewable Energy, Oil and Gas, Wire Cable Production and Marine, where larger bearings are increasingly required.

"We have made this significant investment, in what are exceptionally accurate grinding machines to achieve shorter lead times for our customers," said Adrian Menzies, Revolvo's Sales and Marketing Director. "Previously we didn't have the space to accommodate new machine stock, but with our new factory we now have space in abundance to expand."

"Our original requirement was for just one GER machine, the RTV1500, but the capacity of this machine was fully booked for six- months by the time it arrived. With such a growth in business, we had no hesitation in placing an immediate order for the RTV1000 to take on the extra workload. Both machines are now booked to capacity until December 2010, so we are expecting to make further investments at the end of the year. One thing's not in doubt: we are going to achieve very fast pay back on these machines!"

At the very forefront of grinding technology, the GER machines incorporate the latest developments in electro-dynamic wheel balancing, in-process gauging & measurement systems, and are entirely focused on achieving vastly reduced set-up and cycle times, and the highest precision requirements.

"Previously, we used a manual machine for grinding bearings up to 1,400mm," said Adrian Menzies; "however, this required highly-skilled operators, which simply do not exist in the UK anymore. The GER machines integrate this skill, eliminating the problem of manual skill shortages."

Although purchased primarily for use on larger solid bearings, such as cylindrical roller bearings, ball bearings and tapered roller bearing with pin type cages, the flexibility of the new machines means that they are also being used on Revolvo's SRB range as well. The machines - especially the RTV1000 - can also be used to help delivery of medium sized bearings, meaning that they are being used at all times.

About REVOLVO

Revolvo, the world's leading manufacturer of specialist bearings, designs and manufactures bespoke high performance bearings for safety critical applications, combining the expertise of its three specialist divisions - SRB, RPP and RF1. With our range of STANDARD to CUSTOM designed products, we offer extensive experience, flexibility and the technology to meet the most demanding industry needs.

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