Valve Actuator Bodies: Revolution Drill®

The customer manufactures valve actuator bodies for the aerospace industry. The parts are made from 316 stainless steel. They use a low thrust Mori Seiki machining center with 20 HP using water soluble coolant. Previously, the customer used a series of spade drills that failed due to Z axis overload. They then tried an Iscar plunge mill.

Looking for improvements, the customer needed to reduce the plunge mill's high cost per hole.

The **Revolution Drill®** accomplished the customer's needs by speeding up the process and reducing the overall cost of drilling.



Product: Revolution Drill®

Objective: Decrease cost per hole

Industry: Aerospace

Part: Valve actuator bodies

Material: 316 Stainless steel

Hole Ø: 2.5" (63.5 mm)

Hole Depth: 12" (304.8 mm)

Measure	Competitor Plunge Mill	Revolution Drill®
RPM	800	1000
Feed Rate	0.001 IPR (0.025 mm/rev) down 0.005 IPR (0.127 mm/rev) circular	0.005 IPR (0.127 mm/rev)
Penetration Rate	0.8 IPM (20.32 mm/min)	5.0 IPM (127 mm/min)
Cycle Time	15 min	2 min 24 sec
Tool Life	8 holes	30 holes
The Revolution Drill offered 82.51% cost per hole savings over the competitor tooling.		

