Turbine Components: Opening Drill®

The customer manufactures turbine components made from chrome molly alloy steel using a Super 8 VMC with water soluble coolant.

The boring bar machining process moved too slow. The customer needed to reduce cycle time because the parts were scheduled for quick delivery.

Not only did the **Opening Drill®** decrease the cycle time to meet the delivery schedule, it also greatly reduced the cost per hole.



Product: Opening Drill® Objective: Decrease cycle time Industry: Renewable energy/energy Part: Turbine components Chrome molly alloy steel Material: Hole Ø: Hole Dep

	3.5" (88.9 mm)
oth:	8.0" (203.20 mm)

Measure	Competitor Boring Bars	Opening Drill®
RPM	500	500
Feed Rate	0.005 IPR (0.127 mm/rev)	0.005 IPR (0.127 mm/rev)
Penetration Rate	2.5 IPM (63.5 mm/min)	2.5 IPM (63.5 mm/min)
Cycle Time	2 hr 59 min	1 hr 29.6 min

The Opening Drill offered 40.92% cost per hole savings over the competitor tooling.

