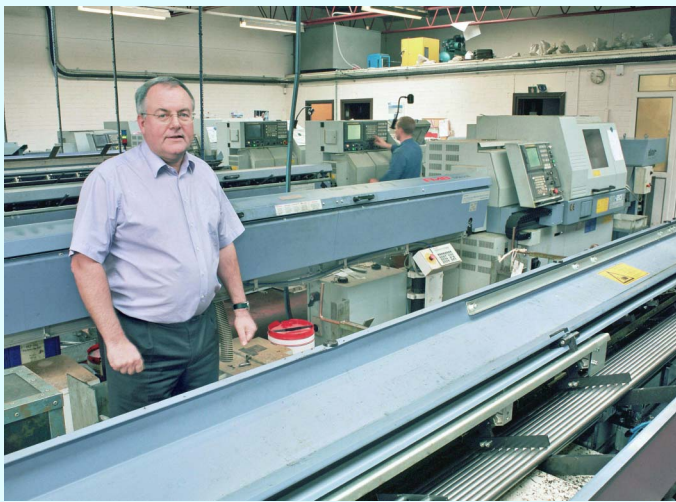




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## Auto Screw Products, Skelmersdale

# Star service key to subcontractor's expansion



**S**liding-headstock turning specialist, Auto Screw Products, has doubled its shop floor area by expanding into an adjacent unit on the East Gillibrands Industrial Estate in Skelmersdale. It was the latest initiative by the new owner, Mike Worsley, who bought the 35-year-old company in April 2003.

Since buying the company, he has been replacing the company's single-spindle cam automatics with CNC sliding-headstock lathes from Star GB, of which there are currently eight on site working unmanned 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The last cam auto's were replaced by a new model of Star lathe, an SR-32J, which was bought sight-unseen from the catalogue, such is the subcontractor's confidence in this supplier.

Assistance with applications engineering and programming has been readily available from the Star team in Melbourne, Derbyshire, according to Mr Worsley, who also confirms that after-sales service is prompt and the few problems that have arisen have been solved quickly.

He says that the supplier's positive approach and overall willingness to 'hand-hold' have been key to Auto Screw's continuing purchase of Star machines.

He cited an instance of a drawing that he faxed over to Star, whose engineers responded within 30 minutes with the advice that an extended-nose collet would allow the awkward part to be turned. The relevant collet was supplied straight away from stock to allow production to start the following day.

*the name in sliding-headstock technology*

**“The Stars allowed us to increase turnover by 50% and cut our headcount from 17 to seven in just two years”**

**Mike Worsley  
Owner  
Auto Screw Products**