

# Teton Machine expands capacity with new equipment

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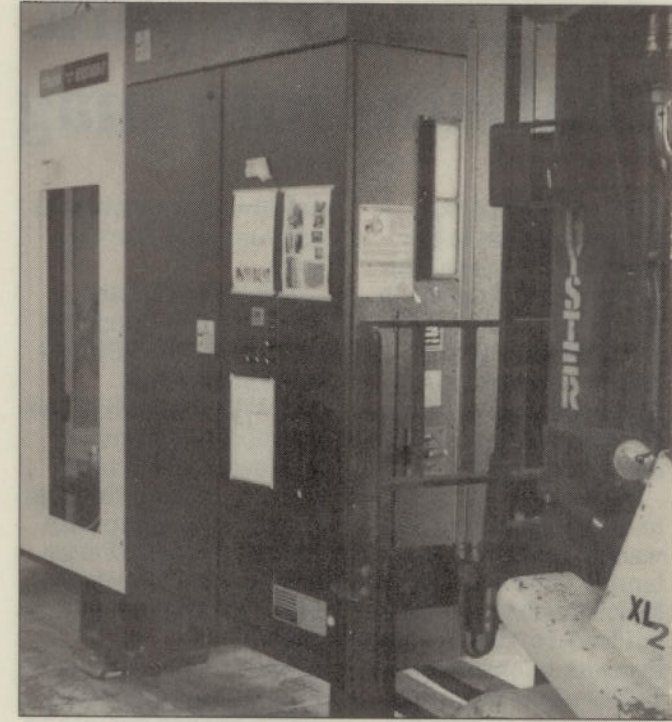
Teton Machine Company, which has been in Payette since 1981 and employs 40 people, reached a milestone in February with the delivery of a custom built Mazak horizontal machining center, Teton officials announced in a recent news release.

Built to Teton's specifications at Mazak's Oguchi, Japan manufacturing plant, the machining center was shipped by freighter to Long Beach, California and finally by flat bed truck to Payette, Jim Franklin, Teton sales manager said. The machine features a 120 tool magazine, automatic pallet changer and requires a custom concrete foundation with vibration dampeners separating it from the surrounding floor, he said.

Costs including the appropriate tooling are near \$750,000.00.

The horizontal machining center joins Teton's inventory of three vertical machining centers, four multi-axis lathes and six Swiss style multi-axis lathes.

All of Teton's production equipment is computer controlled and capable of holding tolerances within a few ten thousandths of an inch (less



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A horizontal machining center is installed on the production floor of Teton Machine Company in Payette. The machine can run unattended.

than one tenth the width of the average human hair), Franklin said.

This machine has the capability to run completely unattended overnight and during weekends, Teton's Vice President and General Manager Andy Oyervides, said..

"Over the past three years we've been fortunate enough to land some medical and aerospace customers that have really

driven some dramatic growth" he added.

"We're producing machined components for aerospace and medical customers all over the western United States and as far away as Germany" Andy said.

"Our total sales a few years ago hovered around two and half million dollars. This year we're projected to go well over five million" he added.