

# Elite Tool Installs Feeler FV-2218 Bridge Mill

Elite Tool LLC, Moscow Mills, Missouri, has recently installed a new Feeler FV-2218 bridge mill.

The 17-year-old job shop offers machining (milling & turning); waterjet cutting; welding (Mig & Tig); bending and painting to customers across the country.

Its 36 employees operate in a 30,000-sq.-ft. facility northwest of St. Louis.



Above (l-r): **Elite Tool's Kenan Wilkinson and Frank Roth.**

Elite Tool is ISO 9001:2008 and AS 9100 certified and works with all standard metals and plastics in a wide range of sizes. All of the welders at Elite Tool are AWS certified.

The new Feeler bridge mill, the first in the U.S., was needed for its large Y axis capacity. It can handle parts up to 85" x 71", has a 32-tool magazine, a 6,000-rpm spindle and features Fanuc controls. It was purchased from McClain Tool & Technology.

"We have purchased equipment from McClain before and had been very pleased with their service," stated Kenan Wilkinson, co-owner. "Their reputation for service was a big factor in our decision to buy the Feeler bridge mill. The Fanuc controls were important to us. We have been very pleased with the results."

Other CNC equipment at the company includes two 50-taper



Above: **Elite Tool's new Feeler FV-2218 bridge mill with capacity of 85" x 71".**



Left: **Examples of smaller parts produced by Elite Tool.**

mills, five 40-taper mills, two turning centers, two vertical mills and a waterjet. An assortment of manual mills and lathes rounds out the equipment at the company.

Elite Tool serves numerous industries including: aerospace; automotive; transportation; electronics and defense.

"We handle anything and everything that comes through the door," stated Frank Roth, co-owner. "From

prototypes to 1,000 parts."

Wilkinson and Roth, who combine for over 40 years of industry experience, noted that focusing on customer service and diversification have been important in the company's success.

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