Valve Body: Opening Drill®

The customer manufactures valves for the oil well industry. The customer is machining a valve body made from 4340 alloy steel using a Toshiba Shibaura 15 HP boring mill running with flood coolant.

Unsatisfied with this production process, the customer needed to reduce the cycle time.

The **Opening Drill**[®] succeessfully reduced cycle time and also lowered the cost of production.

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		Measure	Competitor Boring Bars	Opening Drill®
Product:	Opening Drill®			
Objective:	Decrease cycle time	RPM	125	125
Industry:	Oil & gas/petrochemical	Speed	259 SFM (78.943 M/min)	259 SFM (78.943 M/min)
Part:	Valve body			
Material:	4340 alloy steel	Feed Rate	0.006 IPR (0.152 mm/rev)	0.0037 IPR (0.094 mm/rev)
Hole Ø: Hole Depth:	7.9 " (200.66 mm) 21 " (533.4 mm)	Penetration Rate	0.75 IPM (19.050 mm/min)	0.46 IPM (11.684 mm/min)
		Cycle Time	7 hr 20 min	46 min



