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# **Metalworking Case Study**



DOCUMENTED COST SAVINGS: \$8500/YR

PRODUCT CATEGORY: Vending & Tools

REALIZED: Process Improvements & Labor Cost Savings

SUPPLY PARTNER:



# **CUSTOMER PROFILE**

Tampa Brass & Aluminum is the premier casting and machining specialist in nonferrous sand and permanent mold castings, precision machining, and mechanical assemblies. An ISO 2000 company that is focused on satisfying the needs of customers by providing the highest quality products, on-time deliveries and service at competitive prices.

# **THE OPPORTUNITY**

Stellar Industrial Supply employees have worked with Tampa Brass & Aluminum for over 20 years, supplying on site support and identifying opportunities for improvement that have resulted in Documented Cost Savings for Tampa Brass & Aluminum year over year. Because of their long standing relationship and Stellar's access to the plant, in 2020 Stellar identified a opportunity and engaged with 3M directly to find a solution to improve their finishing process after casting.

# **SOLUTION**

Stellar and 3M identified a bench grinder with a 3M Scotch-Brite™ disc that would provide great process improvement by reducing redundancy, increasing quality and allow for increased productivity.

# **RESULT**

After getting the new bench grinder installed, Tampa Brass & Aluminum achieved a process improvement for deburring and finishing a casting in 3 minutes verses the 25 minutes it had taken previously as well as reducing rework rate from 20%/month down to less than 1%/month.



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