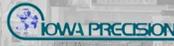


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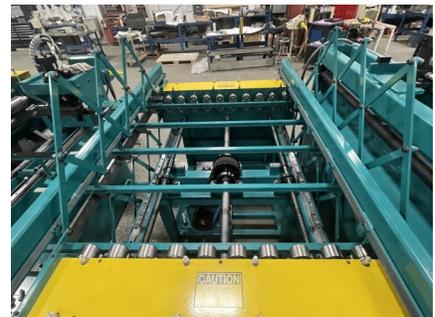
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FABTECH 2025

Plans are underway for our booth at **Fabtech 2025**, this year at McCormick Place in Chicago, September 8th through the 11th. We are bringing some IPI equipment this year, the third line we're building for this customer. The system includes a 20,000 lb. motorized uncoiler with combination upender/car, a SLEAR unit with edge trimmer, vinyl applicator, a roll former, and cutoff shear. As they're still constructing a new building for this line, our customer was kind enough to let us display their equipment in our booth at the show. Due to limited booth space we can only bring part of the line, so we're trying to decide exactly what portion that will be. We have room to display either the SLEAR, rollformer, and cutoff shear or the uncoiler and upender car in our booth. We hope to see you in Chicago this fall.



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Section 179 Tax Deduction for 2025

The Section 179 deduction for 2025 is \$1,250,000. This means U.S. companies can deduct the full purchase price of ALL qualified equipment purchases, up to the limit of \$1,250,000. In addition, the **“total equipment purchase” limit has been raised to \$3,130,000.** The deduction can include both new and used qualified equipment.

In addition, businesses can take advantage of 40% bonus depreciation on both new and used equipment for the entirety of 2025. Remember to keep supply chain issues and delivery times in mind when making your Section 179 purchases for 2025, as equipment must be purchased and put into service by midnight 12/31.

- **Are there any limits to the Section 179 Deduction?**

Indeed, there are caps to the Section 179 Deduction. For the tax year 2025, the total write-off limit stands at \$1,250,000, and the cap on the total equipment purchased is \$4,380,000. The deduction begins to decrease on a dollar-for-dollar basis once the aggregate equipment procurement surpasses this threshold.

- **Is there a deadline for the Section 179 Deduction?**

Yes, the Section 179 Deduction must be claimed within the tax year that the equipment is placed in service. That means if you want to deduct the cost of equipment from your 2025 taxes using Section 179, the equipment must be in use by December 31, 2024.

- **How is the Section 179 Deduction Calculated?**

The Section 179 Deduction is calculated by subtracting the full purchase price of qualifying equipment from your gross income. However, there are limits on the total amount you can write off (\$1,250,000 for 2025), and on the total amount of equipment purchased (\$4,380,000 for 2025).

- **What’s the difference between Section 179 and Bonus Depreciation?**

While both Section 179 and Bonus Depreciation offer substantial tax benefits for businesses investing in new equipment, they do differ. Section 179 allows businesses to deduct the full cost of equipment up to a certain limit, whereas Bonus Depreciation allows for depreciation of 40% of the cost of the asset for the year 2025 with no spending cap.

- **Bonus depreciation vs Section 179: Is it better to take bonus or 179?**

Both Section 179 and bonus depreciation offer significant tax benefits, but their applicability differs based on individual business circumstances. While Section 179 allows full cost deduction up to a certain limit, bonus depreciation facilitates 40% depreciation of the cost of qualifying property for the year 2025. Section 179 needs to be applied first, and any remaining cost can then be depreciated using bonus depreciation. Importantly, Section 179 has a spending limit on equipment, which bonus depreciation does not. It’s advisable to consult with a tax advisor or CPA to determine the best option for your business.

- **Does the equipment have to be new to qualify for Section 179?**

No, both new and used equipment can qualify for the Section 179 Deduction, as long as the equipment is “new to you”, meaning it’s the first time the equipment has been used in your business.

For more information, to determine qualifications, or to use their Deduction Calculator, visit the official website of Section 179 at <https://www.section179.org/>



PRESS FEED SYSTEMS

Formtek-Maine can provide **Press Feed Lines and Systems** to fit any application. In widths up to 84", coil weights from 500 lb. to 65,000 lb., thickness ranges from 0.006" to 0.500", for materials ranging from aluminum to dual-phased HSLA, we have the equipment to meet your needs.

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Factory News: New Employees



Jay Twaddle
Machinist



Phil Knight
Machinist



Boyd Johnson
Machinist / Part Time



Lucas Whitman
Machinist / Part Time



Chris Roy
Machinist / Part Time



Oliver Lang
Student Welder



A.J. Barter
Service Manager

A.J. was hired as the new Formtek-Maine Service Manager in February. He comes from a service background with his previous employer and as an electrical supervisor at one of the local paper mills. We haven't managed to scare him off yet and are looking forward to many more years with A.J.

Factory News: Retirement



Don Briggs

After nearly 29 years as a field service technician at Formtek-Maine, Don has made the decision to retire. His last day was June 27th. Not only will we miss the invaluable experience and knowledge about our equipment, we'll miss the stories about working with Neal Robbins, Bob, Todd, and Paul, service trips from hell, and where to hide your money when traveling in Mexico. FYI the answer is "in your sock, only keep a \$20 in your wallet". And someone else is going to have to learn how to use the 40 year old computer in Service to burn ServoMax II program chips.



Our Newsletters can be found at:
<https://www.formtek-maine.com/newsletters.html>



We recently installed a new 48" wide x 14 ga. SLEAR-2 unit in a customer's existing Iowa Precision Multi-Blanking line. Oneto Metal Products is a Sacramento, California based fabricated sheet metal supplier providing various types of steel, copper, and aluminum to customers for commercial and industrial metal building products. The customer was looking to replace their existing SLEAR unit but with features to improve efficiency and produce a better quality and more accurate finished blank.

The unit is equipped with an IPI peeler table for hands-free thread-up of coils to peel the leading edge from the coil and support the strip from the uncoiler to the entry pinch rolls of the SLEAR.



FORMTEK-MAINE Dep. Formtek **Cut-to-Length and Multi-Blanking Systems**

Formtek-Maine manufactures **Cut-to-Length and Multi-Blanking Systems** to provide precision cut blanks to job shops, manufacturers, and service centers.

Our systems offer greater productivity, easier set-up, faster change-over, and higher tolerances for better quality finished parts.

Control packages offer full-color touchscreen HMI with thread-up screens, on-screen diagnostics, and job recall using a bar code scanner for more efficient setup. Formtek-Maine engineers design, program, and build all our electrical controls. Auxiliary equipment such as our own B&K precision levelers, cropping shears, edge trimmers, turnstiles, etc... allow our customers to design a system specific to their application.

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All Formtek-Maine equipment is engineered and manufactured at our facility in Clinton, Maine, and is backed by an industry-leading warranty and 24/7 technical support.

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The SLR4814-2-CT-150 has (6) pairs of slitter blades to produce up to (7) mults. Our slitter blade access door feature allows quick and easy operator access to the slitter arbors to add or remove knife pairs. The slitter knife precision indicator provides a digital readout to ensure proper blade positioning during setup.

The powered (6) roll straightener has offset rolls to remove coil set from material paid off the top or bottom of the coil. Each roll is individually adjustable.

The Slear includes a flying shear, which performs the cut "on the fly" while the material is in motion. This eliminates material marking as the strip never stops in the straightener. Because the material is always in motion, you can run at line speeds up to 150 fpm to produce more parts per minute than a standard start/stop line. The flying shear also eliminates the need for a looping pit in the floor.

The control includes our Close Tolerance package to improve the accuracy of cut parts. The flying shear is driven by a servo motor operating in closed loop mode to synchronize the shear head to the movement of the material through the Slear.

The unit was installed in November and is currently in production.



PENNCO MACHINERY LLC



In 1982 Dave Tilley started working as a press equipment dealer for his father’s company **Pennco Machinery**, which he founded in 1971. Dave had just graduated college with a degree in Industrial Engineering and Operations Management with the intent of going to work for his father. That same year he married his wife Dorothy.

At the time, Pennco represented ROWE Machinery. A few years after Dave signed on Pennco added Komatsu to their line card. Through Komatsu they learned about Cooper Weymouth, Peterson and sold a few CWP lines on Komatsu presses. As the product was reliable and priced competitively, the pair encouraged Komatsu to quote CWP feed lines for more of their press projects. Eventually Pennco approached CWP about representing us directly to quote our feed equipment for non-press projects.



Reading Truck Body 36" x 0.156" x 20,000 lb. Press Feed System

Today Pennco represents Formtek-Maine press feed equipment, CWP, ROWE, and CoilMate/Dickerman product lines. They also represent Hilma Quick Die Change Systems, ROMI Machine Tools (vertical machining centers, turning centers, and lathes), and deal in used equipment.

Dave and Dorothy have three sons, one, the oldest lives close by in Gaithersburg, MD and the other two are based out of Denver, CO. They also have 2 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. Dave spends his spare time golfing, hiking, and spending quality time with the grandkids. Dorothy volunteers with the American Cancer Society and also at a Therapeutic Riding Stable, where they teach horseback riding skills to help people overcome mental and physical challenges.

Dave chooses to sell Formtek-Maine equipment because “Formtek-Maine offers a very high quality, reliable, reasonably priced line of equipment” and has no plans of changing that anytime soon. We look forward to many more years of working with Dave.

IOWA PRECISION Flexible Fabrication Systems
COIL METAL PROCESSING SYSTEMS

Formtek-Maine's **Flexible Fabrication Systems** can produce finished blanks from coil stock. With the correct selection of tooling and minimal setup time your system can be equipped with features such as cut-off, punching, notching, beading, slitting, bending, and roll forming as required to produce a wide variety of finished parts.

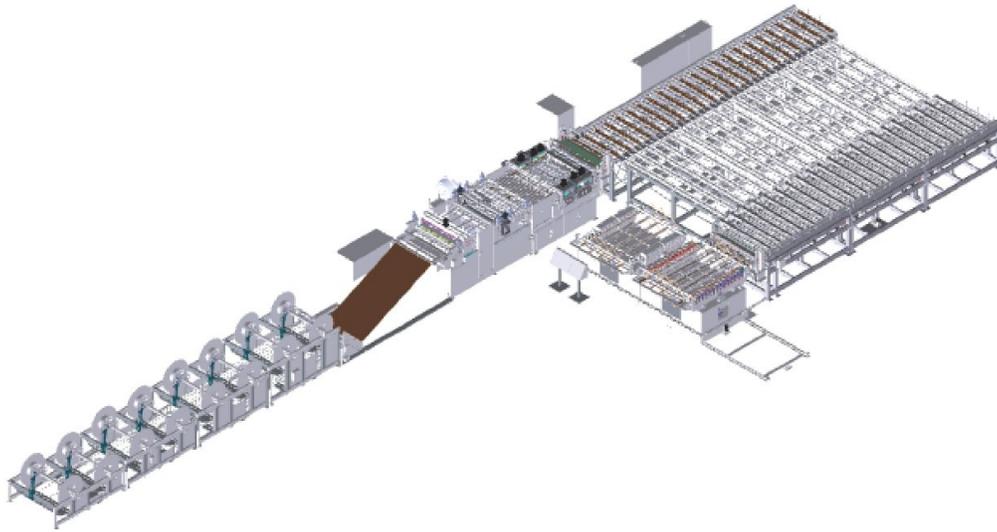
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Press Release: Flexible Fabrication System w/ Slitting, Notching, and Duplex Roll Formers

Formtek-Maine is currently building an expansive flexible fabrication system for a major manufacturer of custom panel partitions. The flex-fab system incorporates a multi-station drop-in uncoiler with coil select pinch rolls. Up to 8 different coils can be staged and threaded up to the coil select station to facilitate rapid coil change-over.



The coil processor is rated for 60" wide and up to 14 ga. thick material. Slitting arbors are used for both parting coils and edge trimming and include scrap choppers with a scrap conveyor. Computerized slitter blade positioning allows for quick and easy blade location to minimize setup times. Cropping shears are provided, one at the entry of the coil processor to crop the leading/trailing edges of coil and the other underneath the unit to cut the wide parted scrap sheets. A custom finishing drum was added to remove a strip of paint from the center of the material.

The unit ends in a shear/brake combination with a hydraulically driven up-cut shear head. The back side of the shear blade holder is used as a clamp when using the leaf brake, which is typically used to produce L-sections or wrap around duct sections. The unit also includes a notching station with "C" frame notching presses and lead & trail dies. Servo-controlled positioning of the four "C" frame heads reduce setup times. A trail bender is used to form the 90 degree bend based on the job number.

The system includes a transfer table, a complex conveyor system that carries the parts from the exit of the trail bender / coil processor to a horizontal transfer conveyor moving perpendicular to the flow of material. The transfer conveyor deposits the parts on another roller conveyor running parallel to the first to allow a 180° direction change for the part.

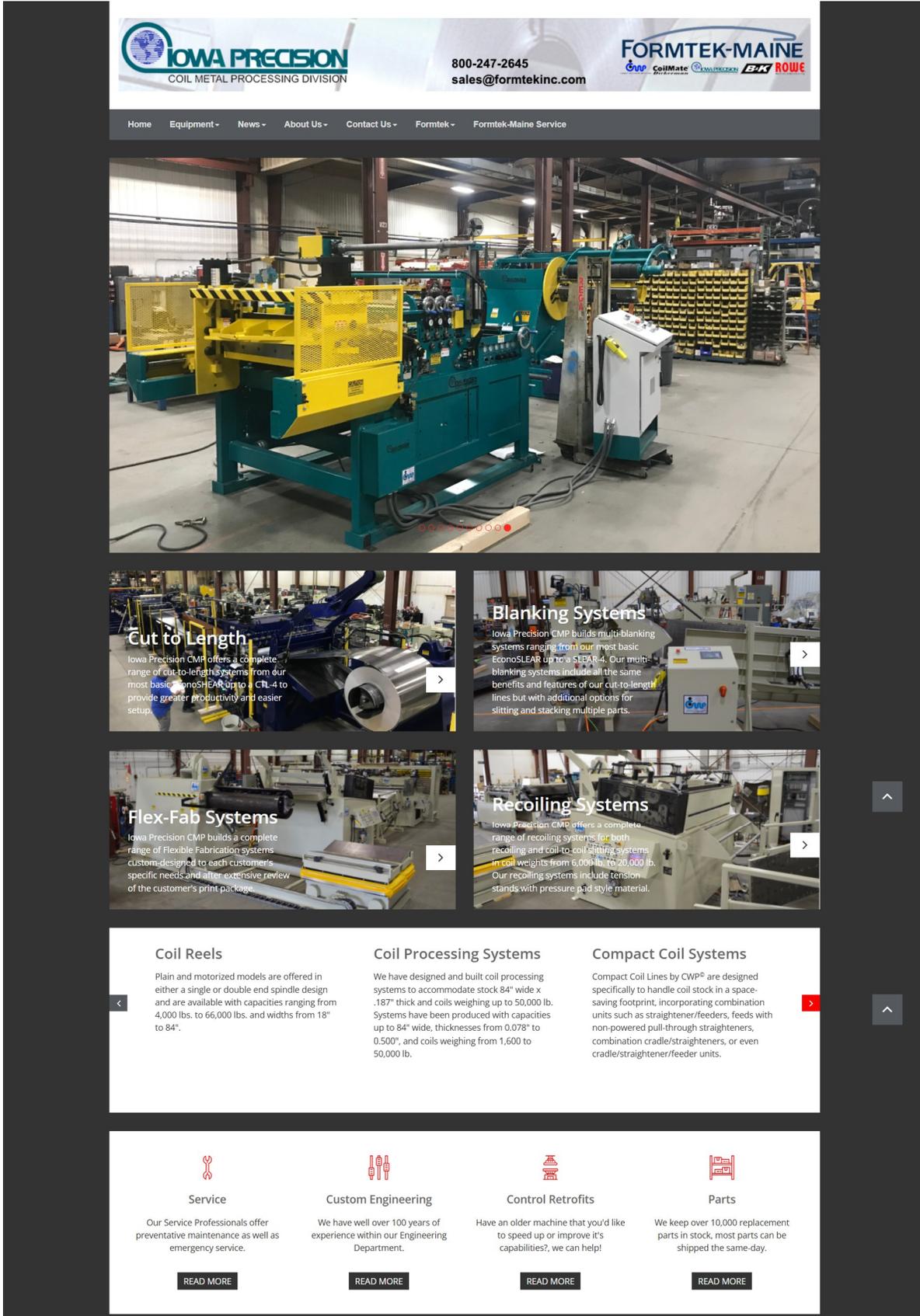


The parts are then fed, tail end first, into one of the system's two roll formers. The duplex roll formers can be shuttled in and out of line; one produces 90-degree bends and the other will vertical form with a fold-back. Both roll formers are mounted to a powered rolling platform that is shuttled back and forth to position the desired roll former in line.

This system is currently in production with a target to ship in the 4th quarter of this year.

Iowa Precision—Coil Metal Processing Website

The next website to get a facelift is our IPI-CMP site. It's going to include all the same information but in the same format as the Cooper-Weymouth Peterson and ROWE pages. We've got quite a bit of content to review and update but we hope to have this ready to go live before the end of the summer. We'll send an announcement email when it's finished.



Summer 2025

Marketing: Advertising & Trade Shows

Formtek-Maine has increased our advertising frequency and added publications with the intent of expanding our visibility. Metalforming Magazine and The Fabricator have been long-time partners, but we're also advertising in Metal Center News, The Modern Metals, and the new Stamping Productivity. We've worked in tandem with these publications and customers to write feature articles. The ads and their corresponding magazines, issues, and page numbers are listed below. I've also added links to those pages on the digital versions of the publications for you to share with customer as needed. Upcoming issues are also shown, including the Fabtech 2025 show editions, so keep your eyes open for us throughout the year.

Advertising:

January	Metalforming Magazine	pg. 24	CoilMate DualMate
March	Modern Metals	pg. 20	IPI Flex-Fab
March	Stamping Productivity	pg. 17	Press Feed Systems
April	Metalforming Magazine	pg. 28	Press Feed Systems
May	Metal Center News	pg. 44	CTL and Multi-Blanking
May	Stamping Productivity	pg. 68	Formtek-Maine Profile
May	Stamping Productivity	pg. 5	Press Feed Systems
June	Metal Center News	pg. 20	CTL and Multi-Blanking
July Fabtech	Stamping Productivity	TBD	CoilMate DualMate
August Fabtech	Metal Center News	TBD	CTL and Multi-Blanking
August Fabtech	The Fabricator	TBD	IPI Flex-Fab
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September	Modern Metals	TBD	IPI Flex-Fab
October	The Fabricator	TBD	Press Feed Systems
November	Metalforming Magazine	TBD	Press Feed Systems
December	Metal Center News	TBD	IPI Flex-Fab

Feature Articles:

March	Stamping Productivity	pg. 29	Forming Choices: Formtek Roll Forming Line
March	Modern Metals	pg. 42	Heating Up: IPI Slear at Lukian Metals
April	Metalforming Magazine	pg. 20	Press Feed Strong: Simpson Strong-Tie

Trade Shows:

Metal Stamping Conference, Nashville, TN

January 28-29, 2025
 Sheraton Music City, Nashville, TN
 Mike Roy attended with Mike Gruber. Formtek-Maine was a Premium Sponsor

PMA Cleveland Annual Supplier's Night

April 24, 2025, Cleveland, OH
 Kevin Enos attended. Formtek-Maine sponsored Cocktail Hour for the event.

PMA Twin Cities District Golf Outing

June 3, 2025, The Refuge Golf Course, Oak Grove, MN
 Formtek-Maine co-sponsored Gift Cards with Crane Production Systems

PMA New England Golf Outing

August 4, 2025, Pawtucket Country Club, Pawtucket, RI
 Formtek-Maine is sponsoring the putting contest.

2025 Indiana Manufacturing Suppliers Expo

August 21, 2025, Plainfield, IN
 Kevin will attend.

Automotive Parts Suppliers Conference (APCS), Nashville

October 28-29, 2025, Nashville, TN
 Mike Roy to attend. Formtek-Maine is sponsoring the Networking Break

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For more details, visit us on the web at www.coilmate.com

Anatomy of a DualMate Decoller



- CM-style hold-up arm
- DC regenerative drive
- Flip-up coil platform
- Drive rolls to support traverse-wound spools
- Optional casters for mobility

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