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Demand from the aerospace sector has let Hone-All Precision to order a custom-built Sunnen CNC honing machine to complement its new horizontal boring machine.

"Creating significant additional boring capacity means we have to increase the capacity of our honing section to keep pace," says Hone-All Precision co-director, Andrea Rodney.

The immediate bottleneck has been addressed by the loan of a 2000 mm stroke length Sunnen HTB-2000S PLC horizontal tube honing machine. This will be replaced when the new custom-built HTC-3000W CNC hone specified by Hone-All Precision is delivered and installed in the subcontractor's Bedfordshire factory. Guaranteed by Sunnen to provide the 'lowest manufacturing costs per part', the new honer – equipped with a touch screen control that contributes to step-by-step set-up times of less than two minutes – is expected to boost 28-employee Hone-All Precision's honing capacity by up to 200%.

A major incentive for this investment is the growth in demand from the aerospace industry. One new aerospace contract alone requires a substantial increase in honing capacity to be in place within the next six months. "Placing the order for a new hone now makes sure that Hone-All Precision will be in the best possible position to meet this demand and avoid any risk of delay," says Andrea Rodney.

Hone-All is accredited to BS EN 9100, and achieved an SC21 Bronze Award in July 2010.

"We have created a precision machining environment here in Leighton Buzzard that takes in everything from sourcing raw materials through to the delivery of high-quality components," says Colin Rodney, managing director. "Maintaining our specialist skills in honing, gun drilling and deep hole boring is an integral part of our business, and this latest investment in a new honing machine is clear evidence of our commitment to a programme of continuous improvement."



Features of Hone-All's Sunnen HTC-W series horizontal honing machines include automatic bore geometry correction and tool overload protection

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