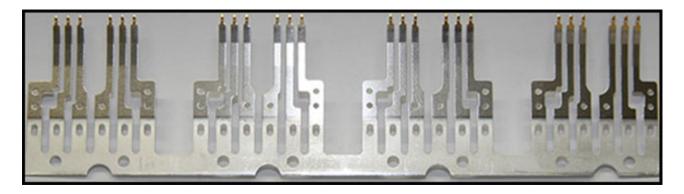


Product Description: This leaf contact is used for a thumbwheel switch.



A manufacturer of medical equipment asked us to develop this leaf contact that was to be used in a thumbwheel switch for a medical application. We prototyped this part using Chemical Etching and several low cost forms. We provided the customer with actual part samples, which allowed them to proof their concept at minimal cost. Once the part was approved, we designed and built a die in-house that produces 500,000 of these leaf contacts annually.

This bi-metal project was composed of .007" thick CA521 phosphor bronze with gold inlay. The contacts were manufactured on our 30 ton Bruderer press. Due to the design and precision of our tooling, we were able to meet tolerances of  $\pm$ .001". This product also required special packaging, which utilized tool actuators that automatically cut the parts after four segments and placed them into custom trays. Quality control was maintained through a vision system as well as an optical comparator. Along with a batch sample retention system we maintained a zero defect to the customer. Shipments include all applicable Material Certification and Certificates of Conformance. For more information on this precision progressive die stamping project, please see table below or contact us directly.

**Precision Progressive Die Stamping Capabilities Applied/Processes** 

Primary:

Die Design & Build

Progressive Die Stamping

Secondary:

Special Packaging

•Placed into Custom Trays

**Special Process** 

•Automatically Cuts into 4 Segments Using

**In-Tool Actuators** 

30 Ton Bruderer

**Equipment Used to Manufacture Part** 

Overall Part Dimensions 1.307"x 5.493" (4 segments on one strip)

**Tightest Tolerances** ±.001"

Material Used Bi-Metal: .007" Thick CA521 Phosphor

Bronze

with Gold Inlay

**In process testing/inspection performed** Vision System

**Optical Comparator** 

First Article Inspection (FAI) Race Track for Critical Dimensions

Batch Sample Retention Sensored for Die Protection Raw Material Certification

Certificate of Conformance (COC)

**Industry for Use** Medical

Volume 500,000 Annually **Delivery/Turnaround Time** P.O. Schedule

**Delivery Location** USA

Standards Met/Directives Met ISO 9001 REACH

QMI-SAI Global ASTM ANAB MIL-SPEC RoHS Dodd-Frank

DFARS (Conflict Materials Act)

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