Case in Point articles cover applied technology by discussing how a product or service has positively impacted, in a quantified way, the operation of a precision machined parts business. It’s a case study format that states a problem and explains how application of a product or service solved the problem. The solution is quantified by explaining in various metrics better throughput, lower costs, faster cycle times, longer tool life, and so on. Word count: 800–1,200. High-resolution, color photography and/or illustrations are mandatory.

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