

Metal Stamping & CNC Fabrication



Tripar CNC Punch/Laser Capabilities & Design Guide

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1. Introduction

In November 2017 Tripar become the first company in Canada to purchase the brand new Trumpf Trumatic 1000 Punch/Laser combination machine, propelling our CNC capabilities to the forefront of the industry. With close to 70 years' experience, Tripar is the largest stamped metal components manufacturer in the lighting industry, also serving a diverse range of other industries.

Our foundation is based on metal stamping; notably progressive stamping, and drawing & deep drawing, capitalizing on our inventory of over 1,600 dies and over 100 state-of-the-art presses (up to 200 tons). Over the last 15 years Tripar has invested in a range of additional metal fabrication equipment including an Amada CNC laser, CNC press breaks, a multitude of PEM insertion machines, spot welders, and now this state-of-the-art CNC workhorse.

Tripar continually strives to employ the best practices so that we can offer our clients optimal quality, design assistance, manufacturing, and delivery, all at competitive prices to allow OEM's the best chances to succeed in highly competitive markets. As such, this new CNC Punch/Laser combination machine augments Tripar's sophisticated metal stamping and fabrication solutions. Capitalize on either:

- Metal Stamping: Using our extensive metal stamping capabilities and existing tooling, or new tooling produced in our toolroom.
- **Fabrication**: Using our various CNC and related equipment, including our new CNC Punch/Laser combination machine, which offers a huge range of design possibilities by using the extensive range of available tooling.

This unique combination allows Tripar to manufacture a range of highly complex components, from prototypes & small quantity runs, to mass production of multimillion pieces per year.

Lastly, and to further reduce costs, we strongly encourage you to contact us for any of the following design features that you are considering incorporating, so that we may tell you the standard sizes available.

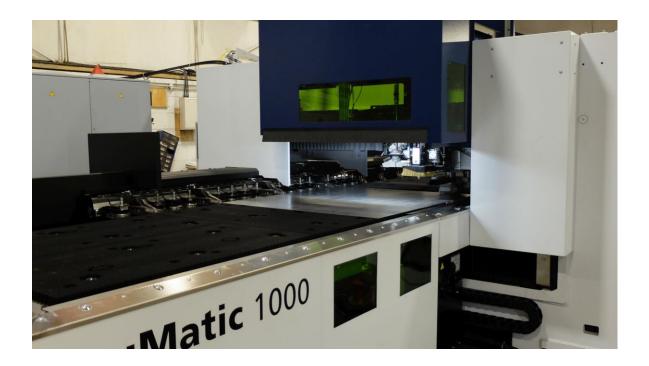


2. Welcome to Tripar's CNC Punch/Laser machine

Manufacturing complex parts often requires costly tooling or successive fabrication processes, the combination of which can be very time-consuming & costly. Such components can best be efficiently produced by means of complete processing wherever possible, meaning they are fabricated in one (clamping) operation. This considerably reduces the total processing time & cost.

CNC Punch/Laser combination machines are optimally suited for the complete processing of workpieces, since many features can be achieved in a single operation; punching, laser cutting, tapping, forming, bending, extruding, marking of components, and more!

Discover on the following pages, all the design and manufacturing possibilities of complete processing with punching tools on our CNC Punch/Laser combination machine.





3. CNC Laser Capabilities

The laser cutting head within our CNC Punch/Laser Combination machine offers the ultimate in cutting flexibility.

- **Shape:** Almost any shape can be cut, and with exceptionally fine detail; see Photo 1: < 2" diameter, containing 0.05" wide notches.
- Tooling: Intricate & irregular shape with zero tooling required; see Photo 2: < 1 in².
- **Edge Quality:** A finer and burr-free cut edge can be achieved with laser cutting; see Photo 3: 0.075" thick, #4 brush finished stainless steel; laser cut outer edge, interior holes punched.
- Continuous Cutting: Eliminates small nodules that come with nibbling from punching; see Photos 1-3.
- **Detail:** Cuts as fine as the laser beam width are possible; as low as 0.012", depending on material thickness; see Photo 4: 0.012" wide laser perf-cut lines to permit hand bending.
- **Marking:** Laser engraving is possible in order to mark the part or apply other graphical information, without punches, and not limited to punch size.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

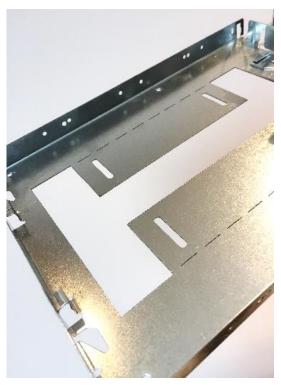


Photo 4

When a feature can either be punched or laser cut, generally speaking, punching will cost less, However, this is dependent on whether the punching tool is available, and if not, if the purchase of the tool (albeit often low), can be justified given the lot sizes required

4. CNC Punch Capabilities

The punching head within our CNC <u>Punch</u>/Laser Combination machine offers extensive possibilities. These not only include classic hole punching and blanking, but also tapping, forming, bending, extruding, marking of components, and more. Some of these techniques require tooling, but many can be realized using standard CNC punch tooling, not only on bare metal, but often using many prefinished materials, such as pre-painted and pre-plated.

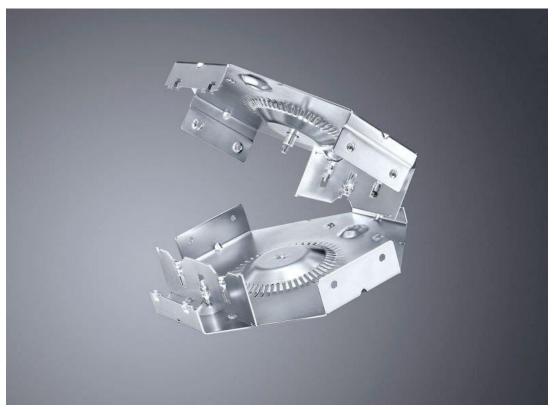
The punching techniques that follow offer a wealth of design ideas, all of which can be performed on our machine.



5. Joining techniques

In many cases, components consist of several sheet metal parts, which only completely fulfill their function together. To join sheet metal parts together, there are various joining processes available, where, in addition to quality, economic aspects also play an important role.

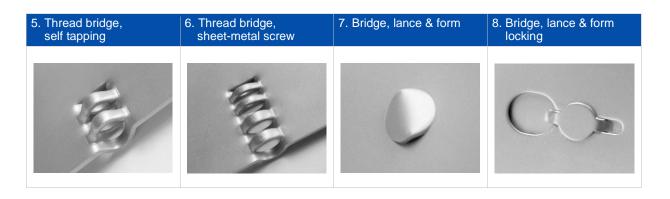
Mechanical joining processes are less expensive than thermal processes while still providing the same strength – therefore, screw joints are often the top choice. If these are realized with punching tools, entire working steps might even be able to be eliminated. For example, you can replace rivets with simple clip connections and weld nuts with extrusions, which contain formed threads. On the next pages you will find suitable joining techniques for your application.



Sample sheet, joining techniques











6. Tread plates

This punching form is mainly used when the goal is to make surfaces, which were nearly smooth originally, slip-proof with a modified surface structure. Tread plates have an anti-slip effect and are therefore an indispensable element, especially in vehicle and machine construction. Thanks to the versatile options with regard to form and size, tread plates are also used as a decorative component in room furnishings.

In order to meet the different requirements of the respective areas of application, we offer a variety of solutions – from simple, prepunched contours, which might be used in water regulation, to complex special formed sections, which have a dirt-repelling effect thanks to their jagged structure. Below, you will find an overview of the most commonly used tread plate applications.

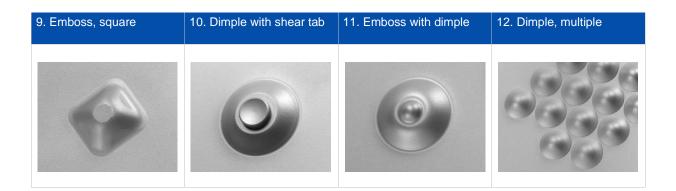


Tread plate with serrated countersink







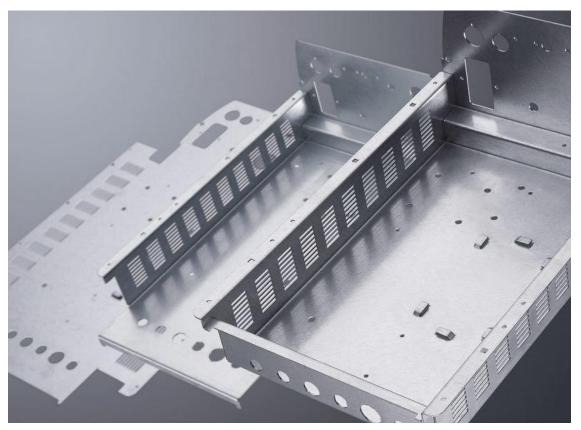




7. Housings

In industrial surroundings, housings are used, for example, to protect sensitive electric and electronic components from dirt, water or pressure. Housings not only safeguard the functionality of all components inside, however, but also play an important role as a structural part, since they are often further installed.

With punching tools, you can manufacture sturdy housings, which both ensure optimal protection of your components as well as provide attachment points for the installation of cables and other components. On the following pages, you will certainly find the right punching tool which can be used to realize a housing which meets your specifications.



Electronics housing







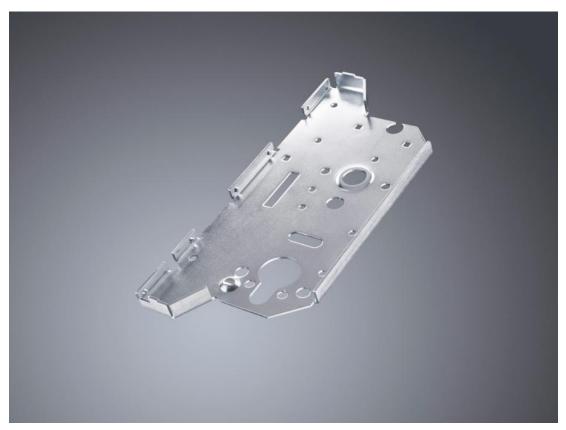




8. Fittings

Building fittings mainly serve for the introduction and transfer of forces, for example as window handles or in door-locking systems. Depending on the application, different types of fittings can be distinguished: turn and tilt fittings and shutter fittings. Furthermore, fittings can lend pieces of furniture a specific character as an ornamental element in the form of a flange, a key plate or a drawer guide.

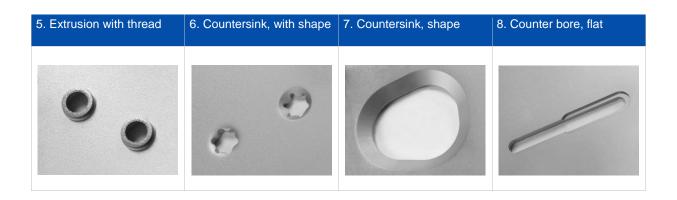
The versatile applications of fittings are also reflected in our punching tools. Here, you will find both tools which can be used to join your components with one another, as well as tools with which you can bring forms, such as attachment points or spacers, into the sheet.

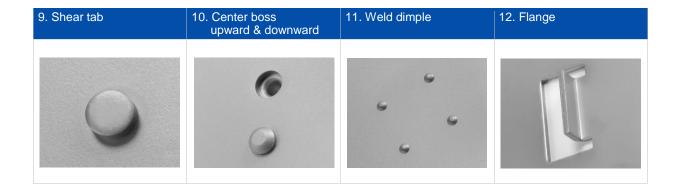


Door fitting











9. Trim panels

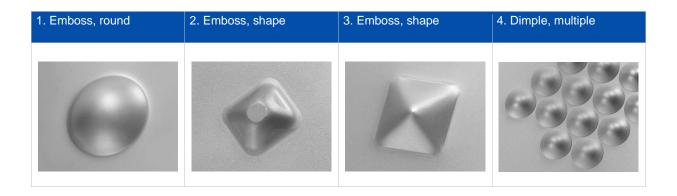
Trim panels are mainly used in the building industry. Here, they mainly fulfill important functions, such as energy regulation. Often, special trim panels are also used, however, to turn buildings into real eyecatchers. Complex forms and contours are also found as design elements on external facades.

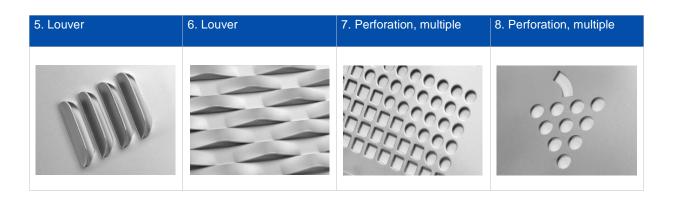
There are a variety of punching tools available for implementing such applications. We would also be happy to help you realize your individual ideas and conceptions – so that your trim panel meets all requirements with regard to function and design.



Facade element







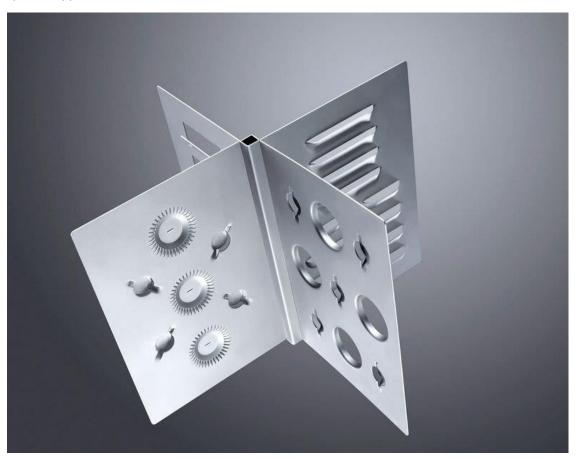




10. Other special forms

Independent of the actual application, punching technology offers countless processing options, even for very special requirements. The louvers shown in this chapter, for example, are used both in ventilation technology and as design elements. Likewise, the embosses listed here not only function as step protection, but can also act as spacers.

This chapter offers some interesting insights into the nearly endless possibilities of form design with punching technology. The shown special forms should inspire you to develop your own solutions for specific applications.



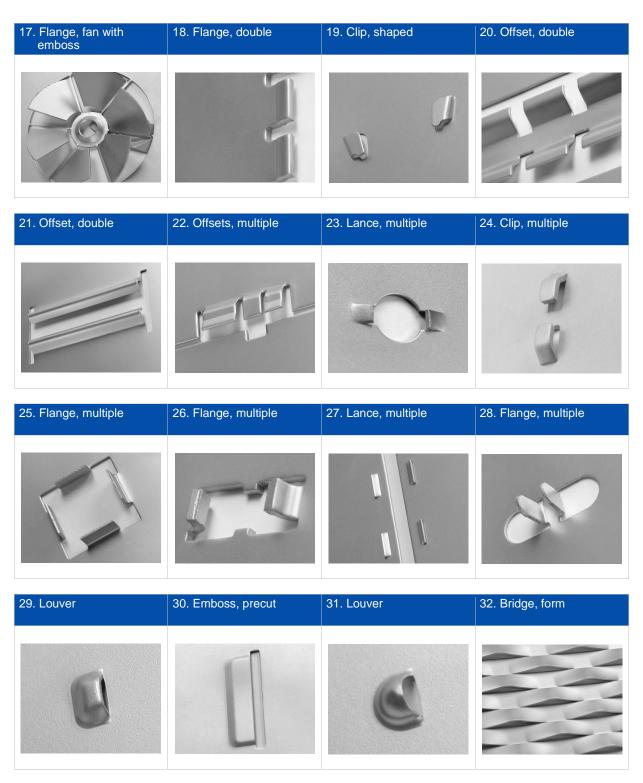
Sample sheet, tools size 5



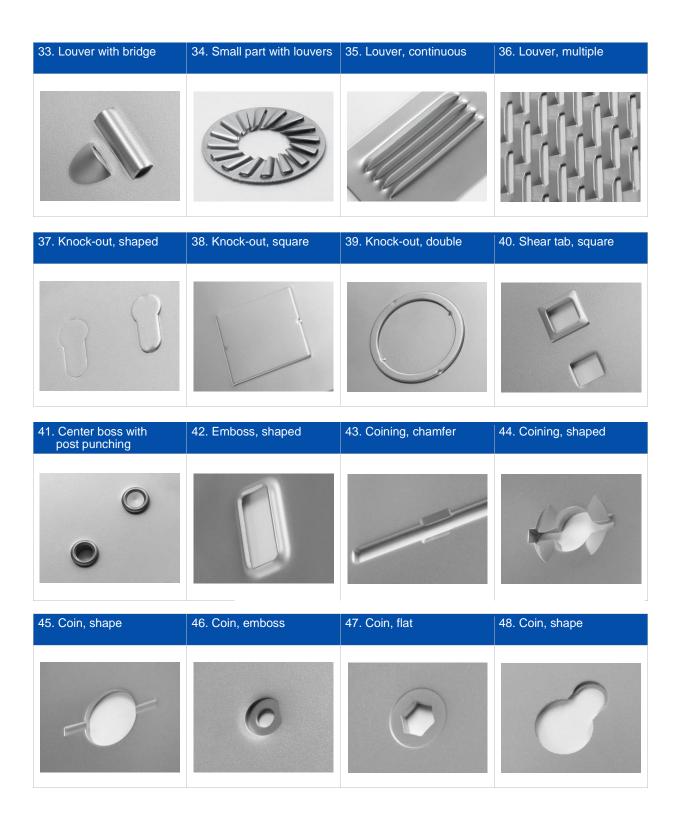


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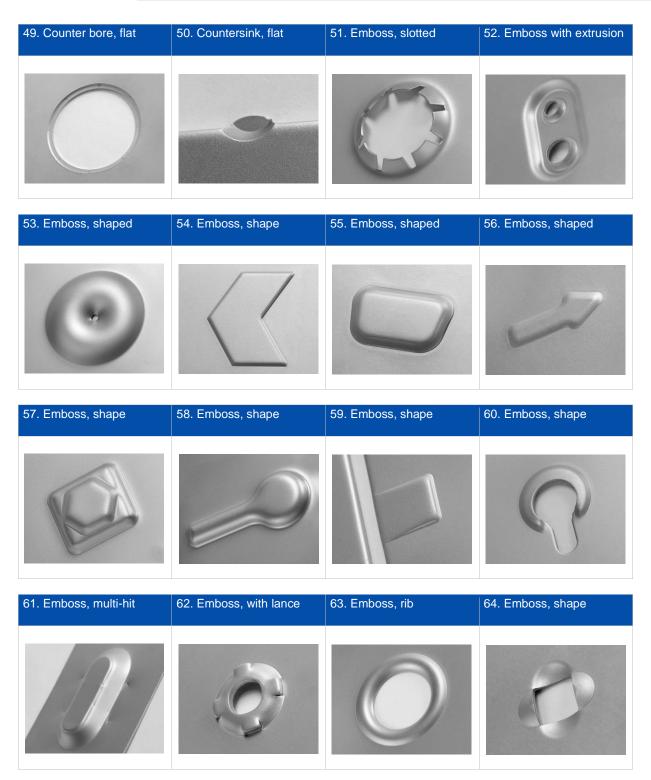






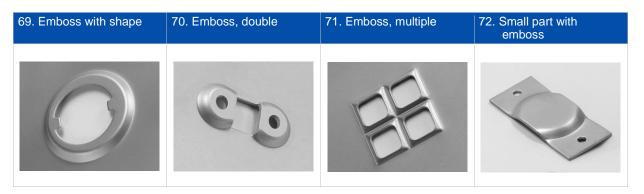
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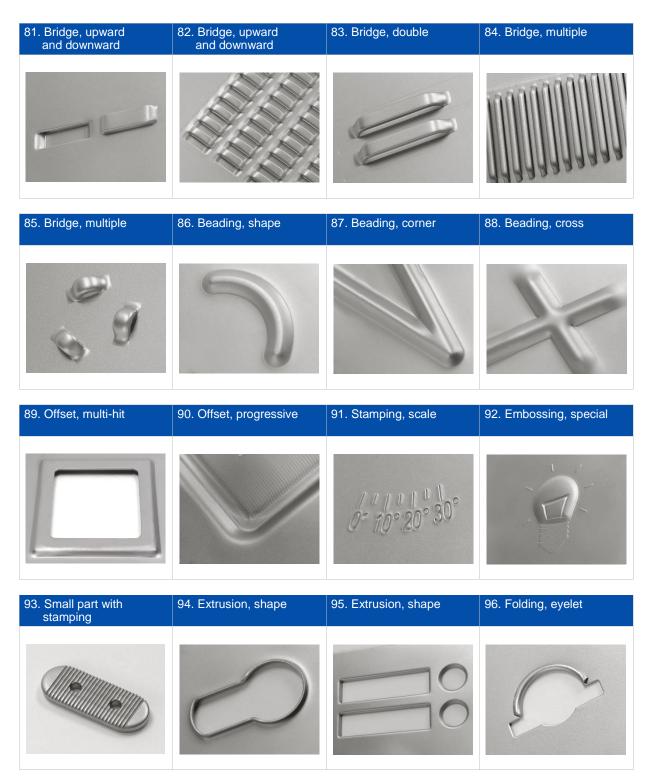






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