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Dura-Bar®
Continuous Cast Iron Bar Stock

James Robertson

Continuous Improvement Manager and Senior Quality Manager

Dura-Bar is the world leader in the production, technology and application of continuous cast iron bar stock. The gray and ductile continuous cast iron grades allow customers to develop highly specialized end-use products for the industrial, fluid power, and energy segments, among others. Dura-Bar products offer mechanical and machining advantages compared to traditional sand castings and low-carbon steels.

What You Will See on the Tour:

- Daily Management for Improvement (DMI) throughout plant for driving safety, operational excellence, and continuous improvement
- Major focus on building a world class safety culture
- Process innovations



Joel Jacobson | Director of Manufacturing

Nikki Sullivan | Director of Continual Improvement

General Kinematics is a premier manufacturer of custom vibrating equipment solutions for heavy material handling applications. GK is a global company with an extensive install base of 40,000+ machines in 35 countries. As an engineering company at heart with extensive technical knowledge, GK's equipment is considered first-class in application of vibratory technology. This year we are celebrating 60 years in operation and are in our third generation of leadership.

What You Will See on the Tour:

- 220,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Crystal Lake, IL
- "Lean True North" cultural values & behaviors to deliver the GK experience worldwide
- Innovative leader in vibratory industry with an extensive application testing database
- World-class field service deployment from 5 continents



Erin Dugan | Continuous Improvement Supervisor

Jesse Bartol | Operations Manager

Krones Inc. is a comprehensive partner for its customers in the brewing, beverage, food, chemical, pharmaceutical, and cosmetics industries located in North America, Central America, and the Caribbean. The company offers complete solutions for all its customers' technical needs, ranging from planning and installing fully integrated processing, packaging, and bottling line systems to replacing or upgrading individual single machines. With its Life Cycle Service (LCS) program, Krones Inc. further provides full after-sales, engineering and manufacturing support for the implemented production solutions to maximize its customers' performance.

What You Will See on the Tour:

- Newly installed fully automated warehouse system, AutoStore
- Production process from fabrication of raw materials to assembly process
- New Training and Technology Center for training of customers and our service technicians
- Adherence to ongoing safety and 5S initiatives