

AIAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



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For over 90 years, GROB Systems, Inc. has been known worldwide for the development and manufacturing of machines and production lines. GROB's portfolio includes several universal 5-axis machining centers as well as a variety of automation solutions. The unique retractable spindle provides unmatched accessibility to the work piece, is the most rigid when extended to the workpiece and even allows for upside-down machining which provides superior chip control. The Z-axis design also allows the tool change to happen outside of the work area which enables users to machine the largest part that fits in the machine regardless of tool length requirements.

GROB is a family-owned company with global headquarters located near Munich, Germany and has full manufacturing capabilities in the United States, Germany, Brazil, China, and Italy. More than 800 employees at the 400,000 square foot facility in Bluffton, Ohio support GROB customers across North America.

TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

800+

50+ employees engaged in aerospace activity

PRESENCE IN MICHIGAN AND IN OTHER STATES/COUNTRIES

"Sales office in Michigan with Direct Sales Managers. Production facility located in Bluffton, OH directly off I-75. "

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO YOU SEE EXIST IN MICHIGAN FOR THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY?

"We see the USA West Coast having logistical advantages being close to the commercial aerospace, space exploration and defense markets. However, they have some disadvantages competing with Michigan's labor and real estate markets."

WHAT HAS BEEN, IN YOUR OPINION, YOUR COMPANY'S GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?

"Continuous growth and forward focus adaptability. GROB Systems, Inc. has been able to capitalize and evolve into every major metal cutting market and now we have developed liquid metal printing machines (additive manufacturing)."

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AND VISION FOR YOUR COMPANY OVER THE NEXT 5 AND 10 YEARS?

"Steady, continuous growth in the aerospace market as well as alternative energy vehicles."

AS AN AIAM MEMBER, WHAT DO YOU SEE AS SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING MICHIGAN AND THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY?



"GROB Systems, Inc., being a global company, has very few challenges competing in any market. However, Michigan's aerospace market does not have the volume of projects that we work with on the West Coast. The West Coast does have logistical advantages and it is a small industry. The relationships of the people that are close to the industry are able to secure a major portion of this business."

HOW DOES THE AEROSPACE ASPECT OF YOUR BUSINESS BENEFIT FROM THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IN MICHIGAN?



"As stated earlier, GROB Systems, Inc. has a long heritage in automotive. The automotive industry has presented some very tough business environments and difficult engineering challenges. Being able to overcome these challenges and meet the needs of the automotive industry, we have adapted to the ever-evolving aerospace market."

