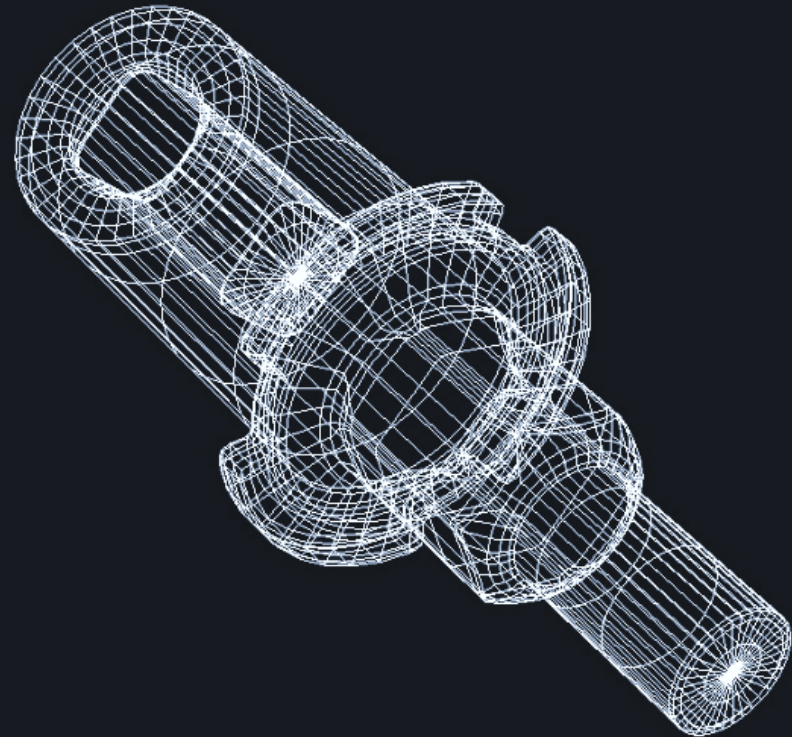


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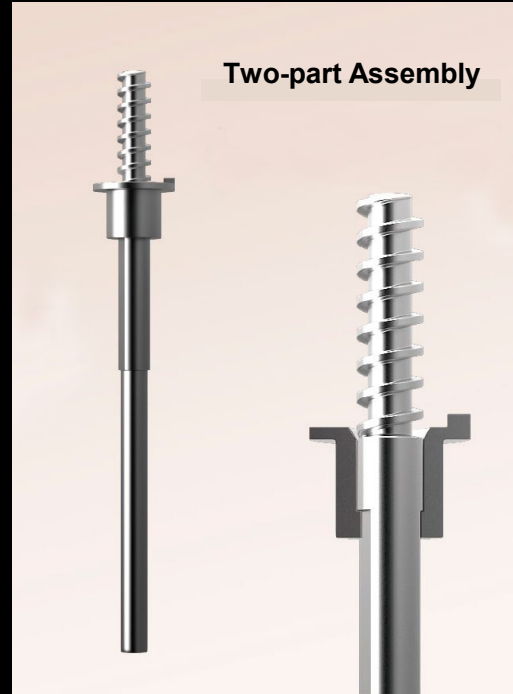
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# CASE1. Cost reduction

- Cost reduction through change from 2 part assembly to singularly formed piece

## BEFORE (Original Design)



This part was originally designed as a combined two-part assembly which led to cost and lead-time problems.



### User Needs

I want to reduce costs for this product !

## VAE PROPOSAL



After assessing the final usage of the part with the customer, it was concluded that a single-piece cold formed part could be used in place of the original two-piece machined assembly.

## AFTER (Results)



Parts costs :

**50% Reduction**

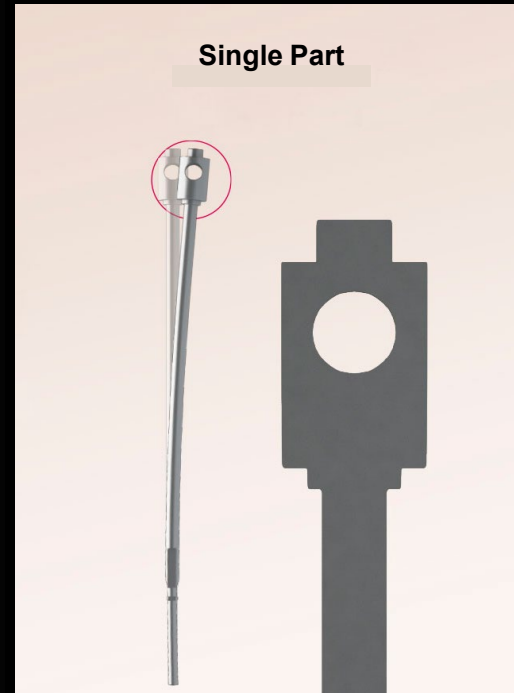
Lead-time :

**50% Reduction**

## CASE2. Accuracy Improvement

- A more accurate product through new two-part production and assembly

### BEFORE (Original Design)



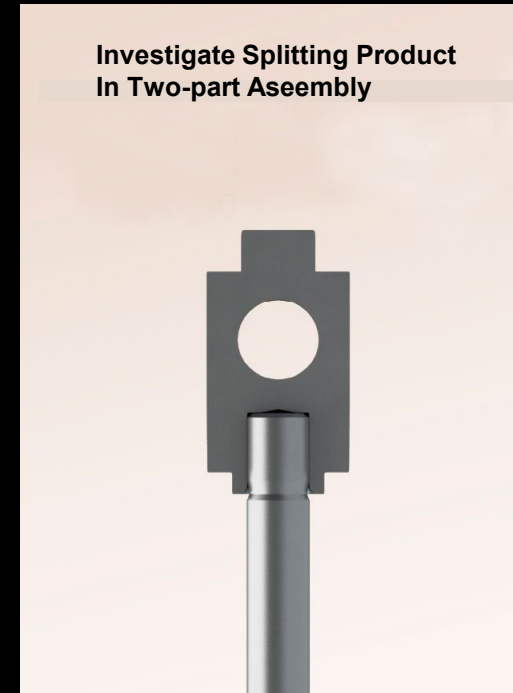
This part was prone to concentricity errors, which may have affected the functionality of the final product.



#### User Needs

I want to improve the precision of this part !

### VAE PROPOSAL



A study was conducted to see if this component can be split into a head part and a shaft part, which, when assembled, may provide the required concentricity more dependably than the original single-piece component.

### AFTER (Results)



Precision Requirement :  
**No more concentricity issues.**

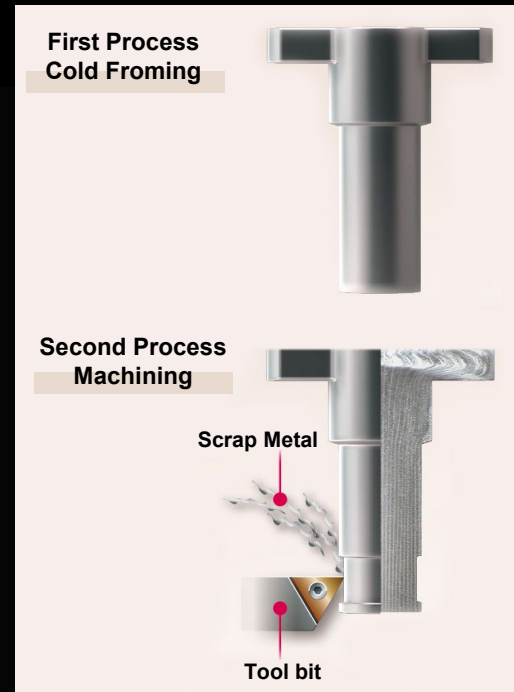
Percentage of rejected parts by user :

**0 %**

## CASE3. Eco-Friendly Production

- Increased eco-friendliness via singular cold forming process

### BEFORE (Original Design)



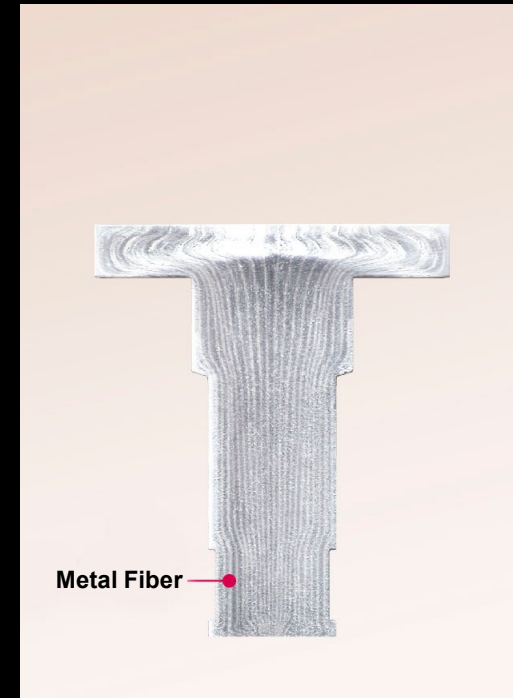
This part was originally manufactured in a two-step process, which led to increased scrap production and emissions.



#### User Needs

I want to make my product eco-friendly.

### VAE PROPOSAL



Manufacture part on a single machine using cold forming.

### AFTER (Results)



Annual reduction of scrap :

**190 kg**

CO<sub>2</sub> emission :

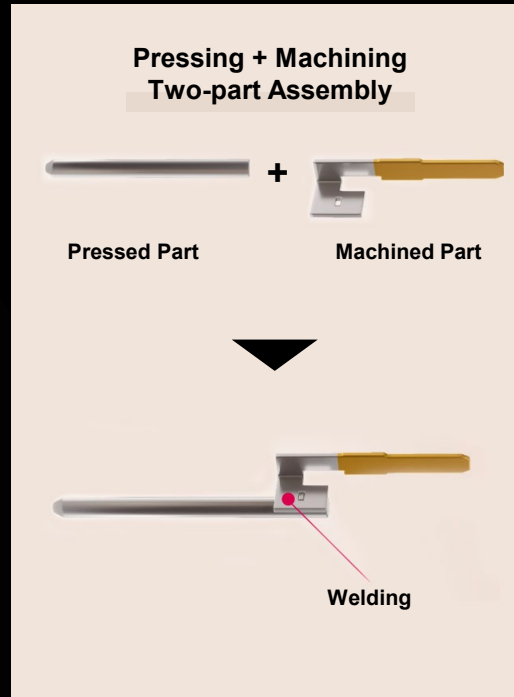
**80% Reduction**

\*calculated by energy cost savings

## CASE4. Quality Improvement

- Former two-part assembly consolidated to produce one simplified, quality part

### BEFORE (Original Design)



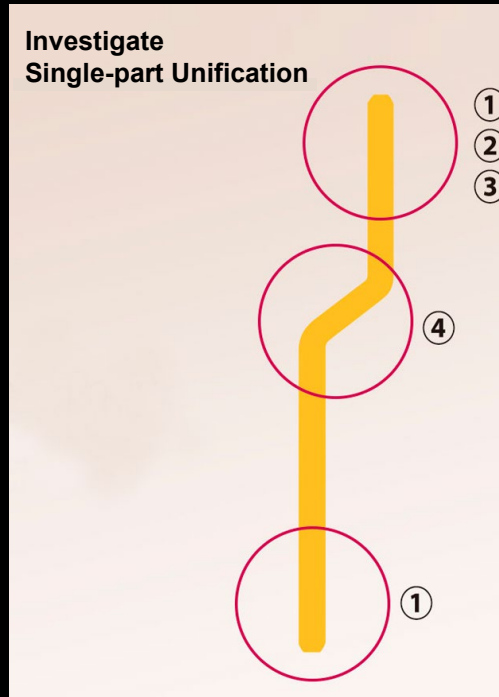
This part was originally designed as a welded two-part assembly, which led to lead-time and durability problems.



#### User Needs

I want to improve the part's accuracy !

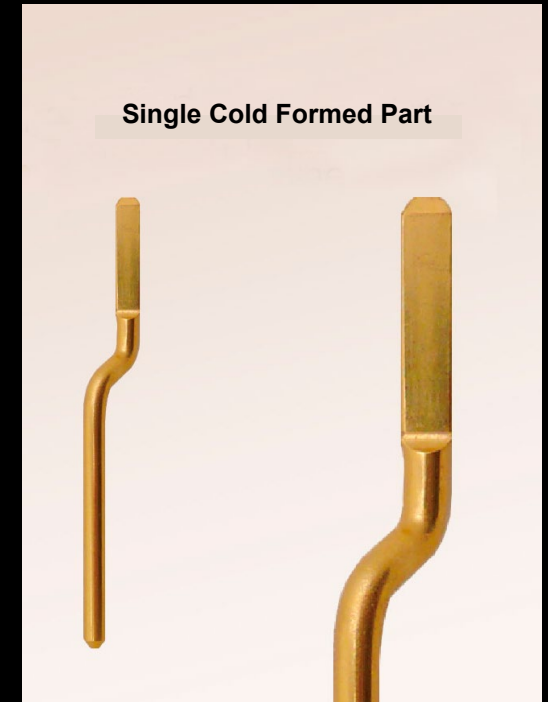
### VAE PROPOSAL



Create a single cold formed part, and integrate the entire production process to be in-house.

- ① Chamfering
- ② Flattening
- ③ Trimming
- ④ Bending

### AFTER (Results)



Lead-time :

**60% Reduction**

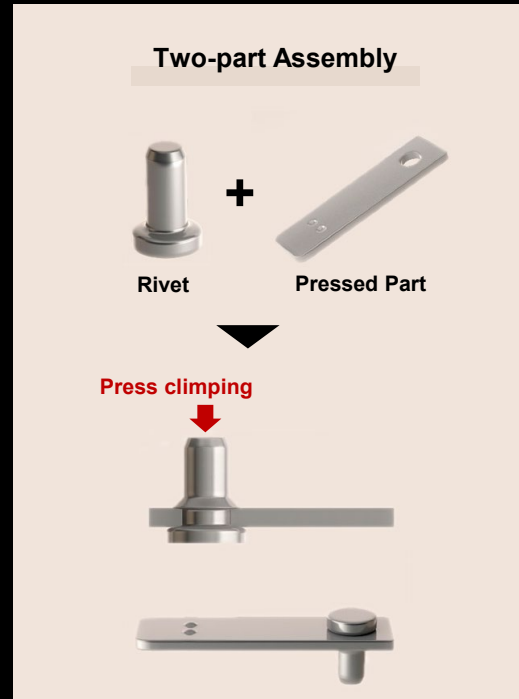
Endurance :

**5x stronger part**

## CASE5. ECO Friendly Production

- Increased eco-friendliness through unification of separate parts into one formed piece

### BEFORE (Original Design)



Two-piece assembly where a stamped plate and a cold formed shaft were fastened together (crimped).



#### User Needs

I want to make my product eco-friendly.

### VAE PROPOSAL



Create a single piece cold formed part to eliminate the need for crimping and reduce scrap.

### AFTER (Results)



Scrap metal :

**10.1t Reduction**

CO<sub>2</sub> emission :

**84.3% Reduction**

\*calculated by energy cost savings

## CASE6. Cost reduction

- Cost and lead-time reduction through elimination of machining steps and mono-component process

### BEFORE (Original Design)

#### Two-part Assembly



#### 【Manufacturing Process】

1. Machining



2. Machining



3. Pin insertion



4. Stamping



This part was originally manufactured in a multi-step process, which led to cost and lead-time problems.

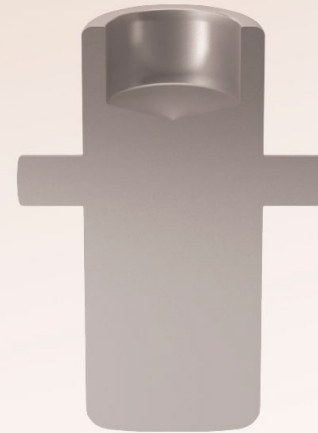


#### User Needs

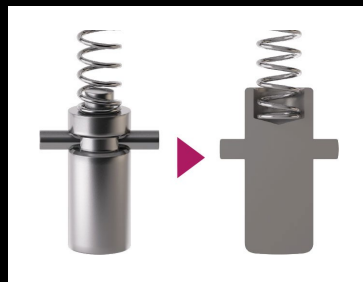
I want to reduce costs for this product !

### VAE PROPOSAL

#### Investigate Single-part Unification



Simultaneously propose a new shape for the hole that holds the spring.



### AFTER (Results)

#### Single Cold Formed Part



Parts cost :

**30% Reduction**

Lead-time :

**50% Reduction**

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