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Full speed ahead for Brunner axle, brake component manufacturing

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With its \$15 million, 49,000 square foot expansion complete at its Medina plant, Brunner Inc. began drive axle production last week.

The Canadian company, which makes drive axles and brake components, upgraded its 3959 Bates Road facility earlier this year.

About 420 work for Brunner in Medina, making it one of Orleans County's largest employers. Vice president Bradley MacDonald said that the company had gained market share in recent years, which drove the need to expand the facility, which is rocked with thunderous booms when brake components are stamped out. In another area, gray S-cams turn bright orange as they are forged at temperatures of about 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit. S-cams force brake shoes apart and against brake drums, and are made from steel bars that Brunner has shipped in.

Brake shoes start out as ζ forged by another supplier weighs about 60 lbs. Bru



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Brunner Vice President Bradley MacDonald proudly displays the first axle to come off the production line.

MacDonald wouldn't disclose the number of products made there, dozens of pallets of axle shafts were shrink-wrapped and staged on May 7, awaiting pickup. Meanwhile, in the parking lot, a long line of 18-wheelers lined up to be loaded.

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