

## **Threaded Fasteners, Inc. Acquires Threading Machine Manufacturer RTC Threaders**

Threaded Fasteners, Inc. (TFI), a 100% employee-owned business specializing in the manufacturing, custom packaging, and distribution of steel fasteners, has acquired RTC Threaders, formally Ruja Tooling Corp based in Churubusco, Indiana.

RTC was founded in 1971 by Jack Pease, today RTC runs under the direction of his son Rick Pease, and it is the premier manufacturer of planetary threading equipment in the U.S. RTC has been the U.S. leader in manufacturing planetary threaders since 1971 and continues to innovate and develop new lines of threading machines. Also making the transition is long-term business associate Chuck Wilcoxson. Wilcoxson has been an integral part of the success of RTC from the beginning and is looking forward to this new chapter in the life of RTC.

“We are thrilled to have Rick and the RTC team join the TFI Family,” said Billy Duren, president and chief motivational officer of Threaded Fasteners, Inc. “I have had the privilege of getting to know Rick during this time, and I was not only immediately impressed with the quality of the machines that he designed, but most importantly the quality of his character.”

“I had heard of RTC, but I really didn’t know much about their operation,” Duren said. “I interviewed several people who had an RTC Planetary. One owner described the machine as a ‘beast,’ and another stated that it was a ‘work horse.’ So, over the course of several months of conversations, both Rick and I began to see the value of combining our efforts and knowledge by making RTC part of the family of companies owned by TFI.”

Not only was it a good cultural fit for RTC and TFI, for Rick Pease it was an opportunity to grow what he loves, building machines. “I’ve always had this mechanical piece to me, so I’m looking forward to having the time to develop new machines,” Pease said. “There’s a sense of satisfaction when you build a complete machine and then see the end product.”

RTC’s fleet of Eagle Machines are built in such a durable way that the industry has labeled them as “the forever machine.” The Single and Double-End Eagle planetary threading machines create a diverse solutions-based approach to threaded manufacturing needs across the industry. RTC offers a complete line of planetary threaders with bending options as well as a complete line of automated bar shears. Their hydraulic Eagle Planetary Threading Machines offer constant torque and relentless efficiency. Each machine offers unparalleled versatility and production rates that allow manufacturers to make production changes fast using just minor adjustments.

“These machines are fast, durable, and customizable; for those not familiar with the fastener machine world; they are the Lamborghini of threading machines,” said Randall Connor, manufacturing operations manager of Threaded Fasteners, Inc.

These forever machines are manufactured, assembled, and distributed from the RTC manufacturing facility and warehouse in Churubusco, Indiana. When asked about his work, Pease said: “When my dad started this business, he was all about American-made products. He wanted to build a machine in America using American-made materials. We are proud to design, engineer, and build these machines in the U.S.”

“Rick Pease is one of the brilliant minds of our industry, and I am thrilled about this new opportunity,” Duren said. Threaded Fasteners, Inc. has been manufacturing bolts for over 40 years, and the TFI team is excited to add the capability of manufacturing planetary threaders and automated bar shears and producing them for the fastener industry. RTC will continue operations in Northern Indiana as in the past, serving clients throughout the U.S. and internationally.

“Our team has placed orders for several machines to add to our inventory of top-quality manufacturing equipment, and RTC is already quoting machinery for other thread rolling shops,” Duren said. “I can say with strong confidence that we are looking forward to continuing the legacy that the Pease family has built, and we’ll do that by providing great, reliable machinery at competitive prices. We are looking forward to expanding the current manufacturing capabilities of the RTC team to better serve the growing U.S. fastener industry as well as the international market.”

When asked what he is most looking forward to, Pease said: “Our machines already have a good enough reputation to stand alone, but I am looking forward to taking the time to make them faster and start building even more of them.”