

# **Tool Close For Comfort**

For April's Featured Part mailer we are fooling around with the part and tool shown to the left. This aluminum part has 20 separate bends, and if we didn't make a custom forming tool, our press brake operator would know we were joking when we asked him to start setting up his brake. Why, you ask? The pairs of flanges around the windows in this part are barely more than 1/4" apart when formed up. Utilizing our vertical CNC milling capabilities we were able to create a forming tool with a relief notch to clear the first formed flange as the second flange of the pair is being formed. The ability to create custom tooling is one of the many things that sets Compucraft apart from our competition.

#### Did You know:

You can round pi up to 4 if you need a quick approximation when calculating the perimeter/area/volume of a circle/ cylinder/cone/sphere/etc.? Here's why:



### Problem:



\* Please be sure to check our website for answers to all previous months Problems and Quizzes! Go to www.metalwork.com and click on Problem of the Month link.

"And though the lies may bite, the truth has all the teeth." ~ Tom Marshall ~

## **All CAD Formats:**

Solidworks (sldprt, sldasm), AutoCAD (dwg, dxf), Inventor, Pro/E, CATIA 4/5, Unigraphics, Parasolid, ACIS SAT, iges, step, ckd, prt, stl

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