

SEEKING THE COLD, HARD TRUTH?

You're getting warmer.

Welcome to the world of Cold-Finished Bar Products by Republic.

Looking for the first choice of demanding, highly engineered part manufacturers and for industry-leading technical expertise? *Getting warmer.* Or the supplier that *wants* your demanding applications? *Getting hotter.* How about the widest range of grades, sizes, and the largest capability to meet worldwide material specifications? *Ouch, that's hot!* Searching for a partner with over 100 years of cold-finishing history that can help you develop new products, meet demanding schedule changes, and truly collaborate with you at all levels? **You are RED hot.**

You've found the Precisely Right choice.

You've found Republic Cold-Finished Bar Products.



A HISTORY OF PROVIDING PRECISELY RIGHT STEEL

The Evolution of a Company that Still Sets the Standard.

Republic Engineered Products, Inc. has been North America's leading steel bar producer for more than 100 years. Since the late 19th century, Republic has been at the heart of production innovation and technological advancement in the industry.

Republic traces its roots to 1886, with the establishment of Berger Manufacturing Co. in Canton, Ohio. Berger later became part of Republic Steel Corp., the sprawling steelmaker organized by financier Cyrus Eaton in 1930. Throughout the 1900s, Republic's steel was instrumental in defending the nation and in developing America's automotive, agricultural, and aerospace industries.

In 1984, Republic Steel merged with LTV Corp.'s Jones & Laughlin division to form LTV Steel. In 1989, an employee stock ownership plan bought LTV's bar division and renamed it Republic Engineered Steels, marking one of the largest employee ownership transactions in history. In 1998, RES and Bar Technologies combined to form Republic Technologies

International, which approximately one year later acquired the bar business of USS/KOBE Steel in Lorain, Ohio.

The Lorain, Ohio, facility, located along the Black River, has a rich history dating back to 1895, when Thomas Johnson constructed the Johnson Steel Street Rail Company mill in just 10 months. Throughout its history, the plant has operated under several names, including Johnson Steel, Lorain Steel, National Tube Company of U.S. Steel, and Lorain Cuyahoga Works of U.S. Steel, before becoming USS/KOBE in 1989.

Republic Engineered Products, Inc. was established in December 2003 with the purchase of operating assets from Republic Engineered Products LLC. The company was acquired in 2005 by Industrias CH, S.A. de C.V. (ICH), a rapidly growing steel producer and processor based in Mexico City. Today, Republic is a subsidiary of Grupo Simec, Guadalajara, Mexico, of which ICH is the majority owner. **Republic is your Precisely Right choice for cold-finished bar products.**



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THE START AND FINISH *of* COLD-FINISHED STEEL BAR

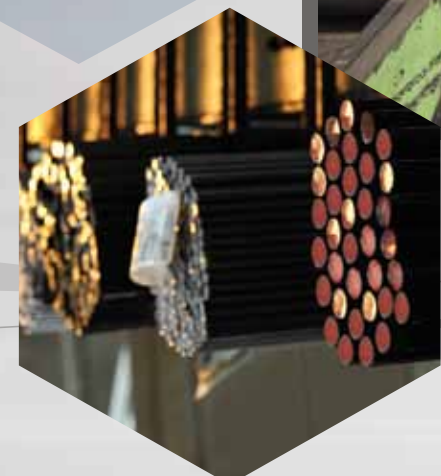
Republic has been a leader in cold-finished bar products for over 100 years.

Since the 19th century, we've been at the heart of production innovation and technological advancement in the industry. We've been making products Precisely Right for our customers since 1886.

It's true that the first manufacturer of cold-finished bar still sets the standards. Republic is your truest partner to get you what you want when you want it. True to shape and size and truly dedicated to top quality standards.

Republic has earned a leading position in the industry by producing cold-finished bar products with exacting tolerances, special finishes, thermal treatments, and elevated qualities required to meet worldwide standards. This has led to a level of technical service the competition has been unable to match.

So if you're one cold customer and believe Republic is the start and finish of cold-finished bar...*you are precisely right.*



About Republic's Cold-Finished Bar Products Division

Republic's cold-finished centers of manufacturing excellence are in Gary, Ind.; Hamilton, Ont.; and Massillon, Ohio. Together, these operations make up our new Cold-Finished Products Division. Our cold-finished product is supplied primarily to the steel distribution, automotive, off-highway, and aircraft industries.

Republic manufactures cold-finished carbon and alloy bar products in rounds (0.25" to 6"), hexagons (0.25" to 3.5"), squares (0.25" to 3.5"), and flats (0.25" to 2" thickness and 1" to 6" width). We also offer cold-finished bar in a variety of special finishes, grades, and qualities, and perform various thermal treatments and other value-added processes on the product.

Whatever your cold-finished needs, manufactured to any demanding specifications you may require, Republic is the *Precisely Right* choice for you.



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