



## Century Products, Inc. Makes Its Mark In HDD

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Since its inception in 1982, Century Products, Inc. has evolved into a full-service provider of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) tools and drilling fluids. The father-and-son team of Jim and Todd Bielawa works closely with employees to ensure their high standards are maintained.



*"Our future growth directly correlates with new innovative products that keep us ahead of the competition."* —Todd Bielawa

With a combined total of 50 years of experience and knowledge in the business and a fulltime engineering staff, Century Products has grown into an industry leader. Their hole openers were used under the St. Lawrence Seaway for a 7,000-foot crossing – the largest and longest river accomplishment to date in North America. Century Products is the largest distributor in North America of CETCO's high-quality drilling fluids. With warehouses located across the United States, they can quickly move products to their customer sites.

Century Products recently redesigned their hole openers, creating what they say is the strongest and most technologically advanced hole opener to date. Todd says there are many new features that make their hole opener stand out, but what most stands out is the new design that enables complete replacement of arm-and-cone assemblies. This saves time and money for customers. The hole openers have been used for a variety of different applications.

The company recently built a pair of 60-inch hole openers for a customer in Connecticut for a sewer project. With a size range of 26–62 inches, Todd says they can make a hole opener to meet even the most demanding job.

Jim said they are now producing three sizes of TCI (tungsten carbide inserts) cones for their hole openers. They have a 16-inch cutter for 29 inches and smaller hole openers, 22-inch cutter for 30–42-inch hole openers, and the new 26-inch cutter for sizes above 43 inches—which is the largest cone produced in the industry to date.

"The larger cones will significantly reduce the cone revolutions, thus increasing the life of the bearings and seals. This will allow a significant increase in running time, which in turn, reduces your cost per foot when rock drilling," Todd explained.

Century Products also provides a full line-up of the tools necessary in the field, from fly cutters with a patent-pending cutter block, to affiliations with the largest producers of tri-cone bits, to their specially designed swivel that can handle capacities up to 1.5 million pounds. **P&GJ**



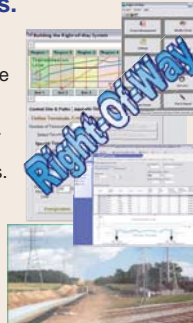
The father-and-son team of Jim and Todd Bielawa own and operate Century Products, Inc.

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