THE KEY TO DIVERSIFYING THE AEROSPACE SUPPLY CHAIN

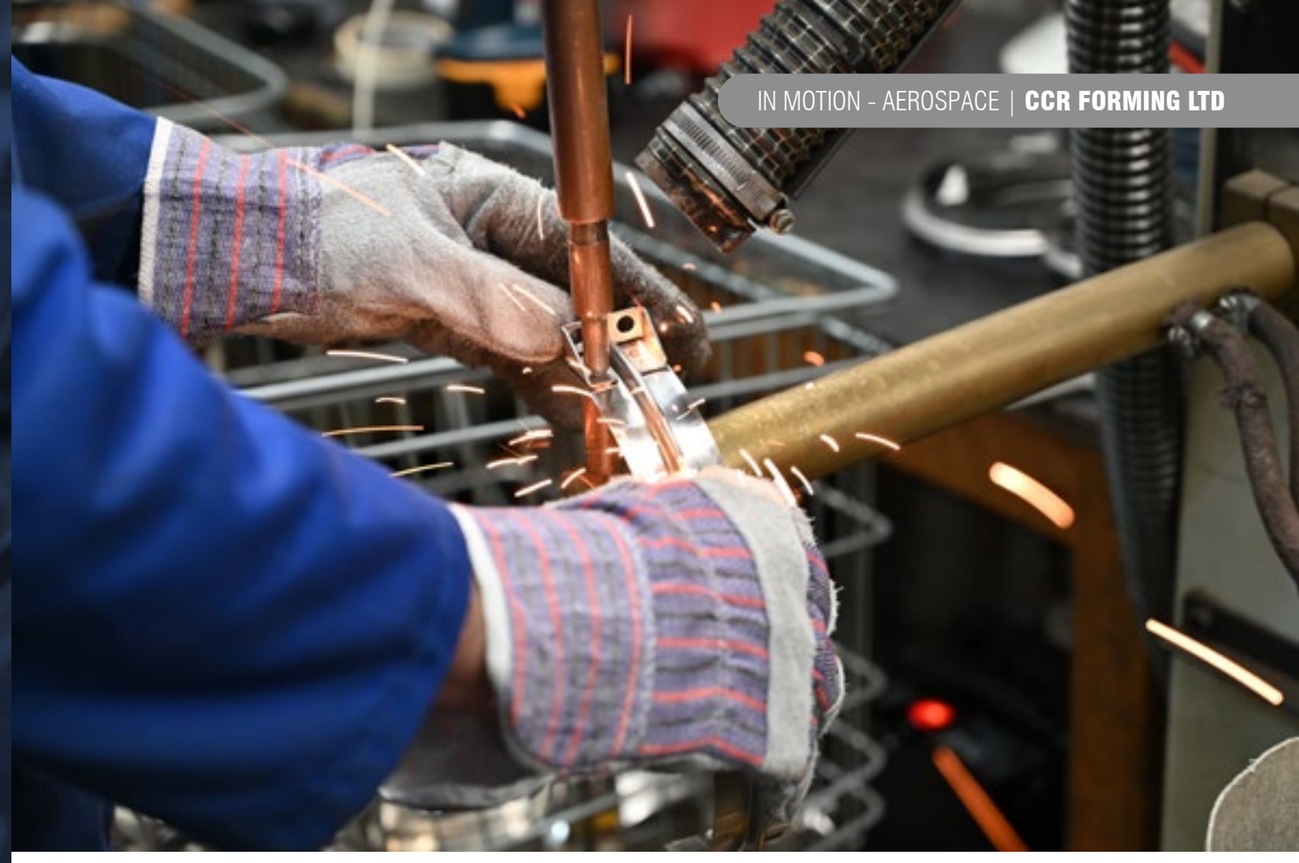
AS THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY EXPANDS AND EVOLVES IN THE COMING YEARS, DIVERSIFICATION WITHIN THE AEROSPACE SUPPLY CHAIN IS CRITICAL TO ENSURE RESILIENT SUPPLY AND TO FACILITATE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES. WHEN IT COMES TO PRECISION COLD ROLL SOLUTIONS, CCR FORMING IS THE KEY TO THAT DIVERSIFICATION.

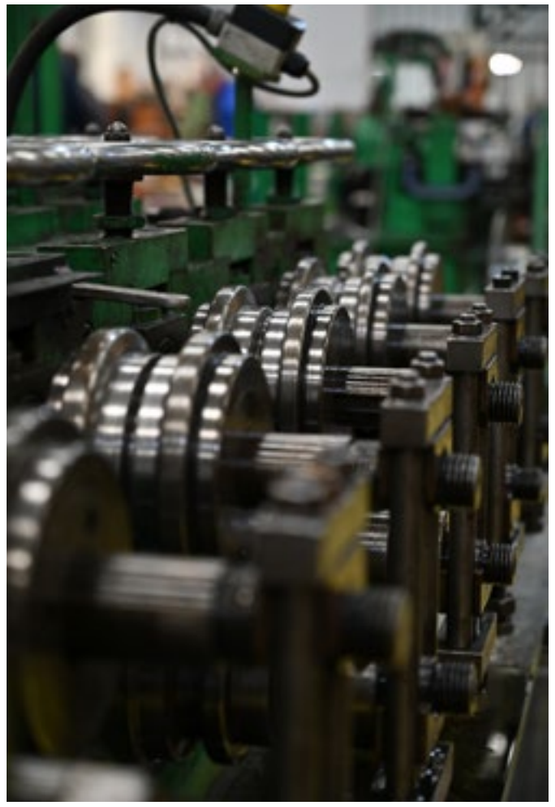
A world leader in the manufacture of precision cold roll formed metal rings (made from coil, strip, or sheet), CCR Forming is one of only two cold rolling specialists in the UK and is backed by an enormous wealth of industry experience spanning over 40 years. Over the years, the firm has demonstrated its expertise across a range of industries and has the full scope of capabilities, including: cold roll forming, expanding, pressing, welding, and in-house tooling design and manufacture – in essence, a complete turnkey service.

As of 2025, CCR Forming is now becoming a growing player in the aerospace market. While the firm is well and truly proven as a specialist in cold rolling, it's now, as the aerospace industry increasingly recognises the vulnerability of its supply chain that the diversification and expansion of that supply chain is becoming a hot topic. Unsurprisingly, it's for this very reason that the firm is now experiencing a surge in activity within the aerospace sector, with conversations seemingly spanning most if not all of the major aerospace primes.

Yet, what makes CCR Forming such an interesting choice for major players within the aerospace sector is not just the fact that the company is a proven name within cold rolling, but also the sheer malleability of the firm itself. Although a comparatively smaller operation compared to its industry peers. CCR Forming is an organisation with both the willingness and determination to evolve alongside having the required capital to do so. In essence, CCR Forming is presenting an interesting proposition to aerospace primes: "explain what you need out of a supply chain partner and we will invest to evolve the business into that ideal partner".

Already, this interesting attitude to CapEx strategy has led to a number of critical investments to open up relationships with some of the biggest names in the industry. Selecting one example among many, at the behest of industry primes, CCR Forming has begun a broad-reaching digitalisation journey to transform many of its back-of-house functions and ensure the business has the lean operational processes demanded by industry heavyweights. Aiding the firm in this digitalisation journey has been 5S Technologies, a leading provider of ERP software solutions.





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Commenting on the investments made, Craig Fullwood, Operations Director for CCR Forming shared: "We've recently invested into a new ERP system [circa £25,000] with 5S which has really transformed the way we operate, covering everything from sales order handling through to quotes, stock control, and effectively running the whole business. The guys at 5S have been absolutely fantastic with the implementation and assistance provided. The system has been really fantastic."

As for the firm's physical assets, CCR Forming has also invested into a brand new 3D printing machine to drive down tooling manufacture costs as well as for internal inspection gauges, which the firm hopes to offer out as a service to the broader market. Furthermore, CCR forming is also looking towards a twofold expansion of its manufacturing footprint and is actively assessing suitable locations within the locality.

Even in terms of the firm's portfolio of accreditations we can see further investments being made to ensure a robust offering that meets the needs of aerospace primes. As of today, CCR Forming already holds: Rolls Royce UK Accreditation, Rolls Royce Deutschland Accreditation, AS9100:2018 (REVD) Accreditation, JOSCAR, Cyber Essentials Certification, and is currently working on achieving ISO 14001. Importantly, while progressing with ISO 14001 accreditation, the firm is also working with Carbon Neutral Britain (the UK's leading carbon neutral offsetting initiative) to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability issues in the meantime.

Evidently, it's clear that in the last few years CCR Forming has come a long way, transitioning from what was already an incredibly capable and well-established cold roll forming specialist into a firm set to become a cornerstone of the aerospace industry's supply chain strategy. Seemingly, the firm also recognises just how far it's come in the last few years and passed thanks to a number of its supply chain members of helping it to get this far; notably: 5S Technologies and Haynes International, one of CCR Forming's critical material suppliers known for their transparency and rapid turnaround on quotations.