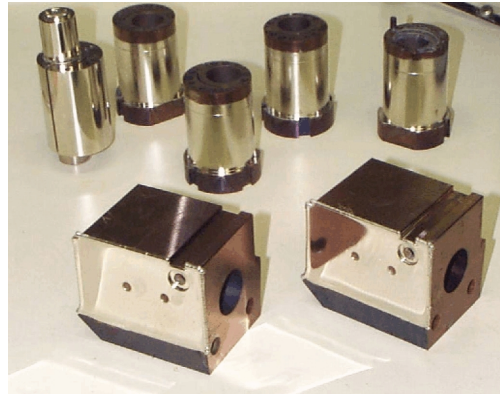




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## New Mold Repair and Enhancement Process

Rochester, NY ( May 5, 2003) - Selective plating of steel and copper alloy components with a high strength nickel-cobalt alloy, NiColoy<sup>®</sup>, is used by NiCoForm, Inc to build up or protect mold cavities, cores and a variety of machined parts from wear and corrosion.

The high hardness (50 + HR<sub>C</sub>) of the custom developed alloy affords the plated components improved wear characteristics compared to conventional tool steels. Additionally, NiColoy<sup>®</sup> plated copper and brass molds combine excellent durability with high thermal conductivity, shortening injection molding cycles. Unlike traditional nickel plating, which often suffers from low adhesion and poor wear characteristics, NiCoForm's process also incorporates an innovative pre-plating step assuring a perfect bond of the plated layer. Carried out at temperatures not exceeding 120 Deg. F, the process does not cause parts to warp. Component repair with NiColoy<sup>®</sup> provides a quality cost-effective alternative to machining replacement parts.

Founded in 1999, NiCoForm, Inc. is a leading provider of diversified electroforming services and technology specializing in high-tech applications that can benefit from its proprietary family of high strength electroformable nickel-cobalt alloys, NiColoy<sup>®</sup>.

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