

## JOBS: Closure 'will mean cuts at other firms'

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Several small businesses in Peterborough depend upon Triplex for vital contracts, supplying it with tools, machine maintenance and equipment.

With the gradual shutdown of production at the Triplex factory over the next year, contracts and jobs look set to be lost.

Precision Tools is one of several city firms which will lose business when Triplex closes.

Brian Tee, managing director of the company, in Star Road, Eastgate, which employs 14 people, said: "It's going to hit us. We supply tools for the Honda production line, and several jobs are dependent on those contracts. Several jobs could go, which accounts for as much as 20 per cent of our workforce. "Manufacturing is experiencing a tough time at the moment, and closures like this are increasingly common."

Another company hit by the Triplex closure is Marlor Tooling, based in Maxwell Road, Woodston.

A spokesman for the company, which resharps hundreds of Triplex machines each year, refused to speculate on the amount of jobs that could be lost.

Another contract worker, who did not want to be named, said his firm would go to the wall unless he could find new business.

He said: "Triplex has been a fixture in this city for more than 40 years, and many businesses will struggle when it goes.

"My father worked there for 20 years, and that's how I was introduced to the industry. When it goes, hundreds of people like me will never be able to get high-skilled manufacturing jobs.

"This is a tragedy for hundreds of [families](#) in Peterborough, and the end of a way of life."

Triplex bosses have blamed the closure on the loss of several multi-million pound contracts to supply MG Rover with gears, brake discs and wheel hubs.

The company was badly hit when the car giant closed its production plant at Longbridge, in the West Midlands. Triplex managers have decided to shut the Peterborough factory to concentrate on production at other factories around the UK.

Tony Ellingford, eastern regional officer at trade union Amicus, confirmed he was in talks to try to save the factory, but said there was little chance of success.

He said: "We will do everything we can to prevent these jobs losses, but we have to be realistic about what can do."

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