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120+ YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

We've come a long way in 120 years! While the traditional pattern shop supply business remains at our core, Freeman services numerous industries and is continually expanding in order to serve a wide range of customers.

1980s

1902



HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Bill Freeman resold excess shop materials to other foundry pattern shops in the Toledo, OH area. This side business was named Freeman Pattern Supply and moved to Toledo as a regional supplier.

<u>1960s</u>



MID-CENTURY EXPANSION

Freeman acquired several similar suppliers around the country and became the nation's largest tooling material supplier to pattern shops. This enabled Freeman to serve the rapidly growing automotive and aerospace industries.

ENTRY INTO MANUFACTURING

Also in the 1960s, Freeman expanded into manufacturing with the acquisition of a specialty wax manufacturer in Cleveland, OH, officially becoming Freeman Manufacturing and Supply Company.

RESTRUCTURING & BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Freeman was restructured and streamlined: the headquarters moved to Cleveland, OH and the largest branch was opened near Detroit, MI.



The tooling plastics manufacturing division developed and grew a partnership with CIBA, later Huntsman Advanced Materials.











2000s



THE MOVE TO AVON

Freeman's new facility in Avon, OH (near Cleveland) became its headquarters to this day. Since then, it has expanded to 150,000 sq. ft. in order to accommodate the growing staff and reliable stocking of products.

GEOGRAPHICAL GROWTH & MAJOR ACQUISITIONS

Several warehouses and sales territories were added, ultimately covering a majority of North America. Several companies were acquired:



Pattern supply and specialty wax divisions of Kindt-Collins Co.

MF COMPOSITES

Montreal-based supplier of tooling and composite materials

2010s & Now

EXPANSION & REORGANIZATION

Additional acquisitions added to Freeman's ongoing growth: DuMatt, a jewelry wax manufacturer based out of New Jersey, and several leading distributors of dieboards and other steel rule die materials.

Freeman solidified its three product divisions: Tooling, Steel Rule Die Supplies, and Jewelry Wax. The North America locations and sales territories were reorganized to better serve customers.

NORTH AMERICAN LOCATIONS

Freeman has strategically placed satellite locations across North America with customer service representatives ready to help. Thousands of products are stocked at these locations as well as



public warehouses to reduce your shipping costs.

STRATEGIC & EFFECTIVE STOCKING SYSTEMS

Freeman's inventory staff constantly monitors sales and stocking data across the country to properly provide the right amount of products at each location.



WORLDWIDE SHIPPING

Freeman ships orders all across the globe and has various international distributors available to supply customers with top-quality products.









INDUSTRIES & APPLICATIONS

- Modelmaking
- Rapid prototyping
- Vacuum forming
- ▶ Automotive & aircraft → Injection molding
- ▶ High-performance composites construction
- Metal stamping
- Jewelry manufacturing
- ▶ Steel rule diemaking
- ...and much more!