

Memorable Milestones

1905 Company founded in St. Joseph, Missouri as producer of folding paper boxes and corrugated shipping cases.

1915 Levis C. Hamilton purchases company. Six years later, sells to nephew Alexander Hamilton.

1921 Key product innovation: square paper pail for packaging peanut butter.

1933 Major contract to print and die-cut cardboard chicken feeder for feed dealers across the country.

1938 Nolox machine, purchased to glue automatic boxes, gives company strong competitive advantage as box supplier to garment industry.

1945 Second Nolox machine and more cutting presses added to meet continuing high demand.

1969 Company moves into modern 110,000 sq. ft. plant on 12 acres in St. Joseph's Industrial Park.

1972 Addition of sheeter/laminator allows purchase of boxboard in rolls instead of sheets and lamination with printed papers.

1980-1982 Addition of 2-color offset printing press and high speed folding carton gluer opens up new industrial and retail markets.

1983 Charles D. (Chuck) Hamilton, Jr. becomes 4th generation of family to head company. Robert B. (Brad) Keller named Vice President.

1986-92 Extensive equipment expansion program begins with new high-speed, cam driven, folding carton diecutter and two new folding carton gluers, followed by: CAD/CAM system to assure computer-precise accuracy in packaging size and shape; new computer system that streamlines and ties together order processing from initial quote to final shipping and invoicing; and a fully automated conveyor with programmable controller in finishing department.

1993 New 6-color Heidelberg offset press increases speed, efficiency, quality, capacity of printing operations.

1995 New Bobst diecutter/blanker and Bobst Easy Press added to cutting department. Plant-wide data collection system installed for better, more accurate reporting of production.

1996-97 New 4-color Heidelberg offset press with autoplate, autoregister and preset feeder added to printing department. Gladiator window machine installed.

1999-2001 Finishing Department is enhanced with the addition of three new gluers; a Bobst Alpina 130 Matic and two Bobst 110 Matics, along with a new Carton Pak II Automatic Case Packer compatible with all three gluers. Valco EMS Quality Control Monitoring Systems are installed on the three gluers. A custom designed automatic case labeling system is added.

2002 New Roland 900 6-Color + Coater offset press is added to Printing Department.