

The History of Vantage **Plastics**

1996-

Located in Standish, Michigan a small existing plastics thermoforming facility with 45,000 square feet, three rotary thermoforming machines, no quality certifications, and very little existing business is purchased. Thus Vantage **Plastics** is founded by a small group of people lead by Paul Aultman. While Paul came with a significant background in plastics thermoforming, others came with backgrounds from other major industries, and large internationally known companies unrelated to plastics. Each brought the desire to apply the very best of their collective experiences to create an exceptional company in the form of Vantage **Plastics**.

General Motors becomes the first large scale customer. As the automotive sector was thriving the spark of growth, and development began. Action plans were set in motion.

Vantage **Plastics** applied for, and received the International Standards Organization (ISO) production quality certification. This assures customer required outcomes are achieved through well defined, and controlled internal processes.

Vantage **Plastics** applies for, and receives its first training grant through The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Multiple training grants have been received, and utilized for improvement during the ensuing years. A relationship with The Business School of Central Michigan University is established and is maintained. Since then many other synergetic relationships have been established with other universities including Saginaw Valley State University, Ferris State University, Michigan State University, and Mid-Michigan Community College. These relationships bear witness to the foundation of continual improvement upon which the Vantage **Plastics** culture has been built.

2005-

The beginning of several significant building additions, and business expansions to improved Vantage Plastics ability to provide a full range of services to a growing number of customers begins. A 22,000 square foot warehouse is added to store and protect customer products prior to shipment.

A 5,000 square foot office space is added to provide more room for engineering and customer service personnel.

2007-

Vantage **Plastics** forms a new sister company called “Airpark Plastics” (see tab) after purchasing the plastic sheet extrusion equipment, and production assets of a Canadian based company. The Canadian company specialized in the consumer goods, and recreational marketplace. This production equipment is moved from Canada to a newly purchased 24,000 square foot building on a property adjoining Vantage **Plastics** located in Standish, Michigan. The addition of these assets further expanded the company’s product mix, market presence, and greatly enhanced its production and customer service capabilities.

2008-

Vantage **Plastics** receives “The Energy Champion Award” from The United States Department of Energy for its innovative measures to conserve energy.

2012-

Vantage **Plastics** purchases one of the largest thermoforming machines existing in the world and builds a 12,000 square foot addition to house it. It greatly expands production capacity and offers many benefits to customers.

2014-

A new building addition is begun to house additional extrusion lines. This addition is attached to the main production facility which improves the logistics of having plastic sheet readily available for

the thermoforming machines. The addition is scheduled for completion in early 2015. This latest addition will create total operational square footage in excess of 158,000 square feet.

Since its inception Vantage **Plastics** has experienced steady growth. It has added several thermoforming machines, plastic extrusion lines, engineering software programs, testing equipment, staffing, and many other enhancements to support customers in ever increasing, and diversified markets.

You may notice the “**Plastics**” in the “Vantage **Plastics**” name is always done in green. This represents an emphasis on being environmentally friendly. Generally the thermoformed plastics products produced by Vantage **Plastics** are both reusable, and recyclable. In addition to this many energy saving initiatives have been implemented since operations began in 1996. (See award noted above)

Vantage **Plastics** remains a family owned business that has grown from a small shop employing six people in 1996, to an award winning leader within the plastics industry. (See Awards tab) It takes pride in now employing over 100 people.

Vantage **Plastics** is confident we can serve your needs if you are looking for thermoformed plastics products, or solutions. There is an infinite number of existing, and yet to be discovered applications for the products and services we provide. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you!