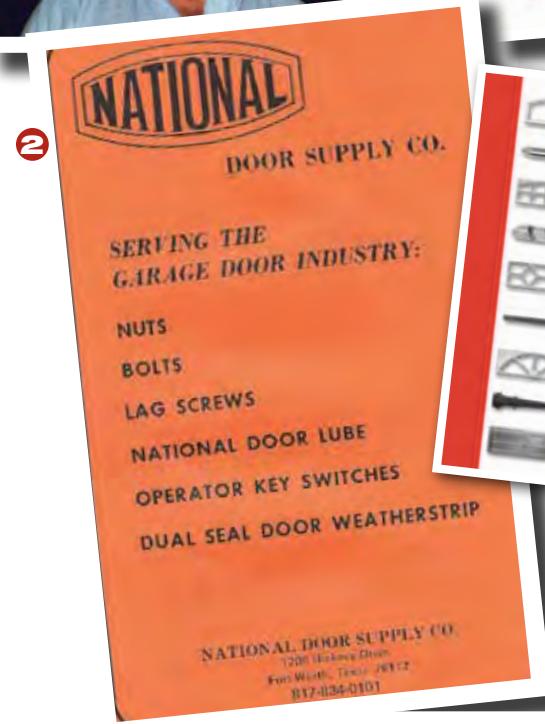


## FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY National Door Industries



### Photos:

1. Bob Barnard, 1985.
2. National's first catalog, 1977.
3. JoBa business card, 1968.
4. Catalog, 2009.
5. Fort Worth headquarters, 2009.
6. Window frame department, 2009.

### Milestones

- 1968 At age 37, Bob Barnard and college buddy Dwaine Johnson establish JoBa, Inc., an importer and distributor of glass in Fort Worth, Texas. "JoBa" is formed from the first two letters of Johnson and Barnard.
- 1970 Bob Barnard takes over management, and the name is changed to JoBa Plastics. Operating with one employee in 2,000 sq. ft. of space, the company begins the manufacture and distribution of decorative Stylecraft garage door window trim to garage door manufacturers and dealers. The firm soon grows to five employees and moves to a 14,000-sq.-ft. space.
- 1976 The company changes its name to Architectural Plastics and begins manufacturing home building products from plastics rather than the traditional wood. Distribution is limited to the local area and states surrounding Texas.
- 1977 At the urging of friends and customers, Barnard forms a new company, National Door Supply, and begins importing and selling fasteners and other components to the garage door industry. In July, Bob and Joyce Barnard print National's first catalog with about a dozen products on one page of orange paper printed on a copy machine. These products spur company growth to become a full-service supplier to both manufacturers and dealers.
- 1978 The company builds a new 39,000-sq.-ft. building in Fort Worth, Texas, to meet the rapidly growing demand for its products.
- 1979 Rapid growth requires National Door to build a 30,000-sq.-ft. addition.
- 1982 National Door designs and manufactures the first plastic window frames for the garage door industry.
- 1986 National Door Supply purchases Architectural Plastics, which becomes a wholly owned subsidiary.
- 1989 Product lines from National Door Supply and Architectural Plastics are merged, and the company is renamed National Door Industries.
- 1991 Another expansion brings total manufacturing and distribution to 108,000 sq. ft. in Fort Worth.
- 2001 National Door Industries acquires the Bevelite product line of leaded acrylic door glass used in the fast-growing high-end garage door market.
- 2002 The company designs and builds a new high-speed computerized automatic caulking machine that produces thousands of different sizes and shapes.
- 2003 The company makes major investments in three high-speed injection molding machines. These production improvements lead National into several new patented and intricately designed frame systems.
- 2004 National expands to 150,000 sq. ft., adding more new products and employees.
- 2006 National Door begins fabricating and importing its own line of carriage-style hardware and creates the industry's largest stock of windows and trim for carriage house doors. Another injection molding machine is added.
- 2009 National Door designs and patents a universal high-impact window frame system for garage doors in hurricane-prone areas.

Today, National Door Industries and its 165 employees operate in 200,000+ sq. ft. of space, serving more than 35 garage door manufacturers and 7,000 dealers in North and South America and many foreign countries.

As the world's largest manufacturer and distributor for garage door components, National Door stocks more than 70,000 parts. "You can't sell out of an empty wagon," says Bob Barnard, "so we are committed to keeping our wagon full."