

FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY

Royal Building Products



Photos:

1. The plant in Bristol, Tenn., opened in 2001.
2. The plant in Marion, Va.
3. Thermostop weatherseal for garage doors.
4. In addition to Thermostop, other Royal moldings provide weather-resistant trim for garage doors.
5. Royal produces a variety of trim systems to enhance garage doors.
6. Logo, ca. 1992.
7. Logo, ca. 1975.
8. Corporate logo, 2014.



Milestones

- 1962 Shelter Products Incorporated is founded by Tom Rash in Eugene, Ore., to manufacture pre-finished finger-jointed wood moldings for the mobile home industry.
- 1968 Incentives and connections prompt Tom Rash to open a plant in Marion, Va.
- 1970 The company develops a cellular PVC/polystyrene process (PVC: polyvinyl chloride).
- 1973 The company is acquired by DiGiorgio Corporation, a U.S. public company. Its molding division becomes known as DG Mouldings.
- 1983 The company produces its first weatherseal product, branded Thermostop, using finger-joint wood with a PVC "flex" stapled to the wood substrate.
- 1984 The Thermostop weatherseal product is completely converted to co-extruded cellular PVC.
- 1990 The company is acquired by Marley PLC, a British public company, and the molding division becomes known as Marley Mouldings.
- The production capacity for Thermostop weatherseal is doubled.
- 1996 Wood products are totally phased out; production is completely converted to extruded plastics.
- 1998 Marley Mouldings is acquired by Etex, a Belgian public company. Marley is known as the largest marketer and manufacturer of decorative polymer moldings and cellular vinyl extrusion components and systems in the United States.
- 2001 A new plant is opened in Bristol, Tenn.
- Marley Mouldings is acquired by Royal Group Technologies, a large Canadian manufacturer of building supplies and plastics.
- 2002 The capacity for producing Thermostop weatherseal grows by 50 percent.
- 2005 An expansion of the Bristol, Tenn., plant is completed.
- 2006 The company is acquired by Atlanta-based Georgia Gulf Corp., a large PVC raw-material manufacturer.
- 2013 Georgia Gulf is merged with the commodity chemicals business of PPG to form Axiall Corp. The molding divisions of Axiall Corp. continue to operate as Royal Building Products.
- Today Royal plants employ more than 500 and are 100 percent devoted to producing plastic extrusions, shipping from the Marion, Va., main office and from Bristol, Tenn. The Marion site covers 20+ acres and more than 1 million sq. ft. of finishing and extrusion capacity. The Bristol plant has grown from original 200,000 sq. ft. to about 400,000 sq. ft. Both plants run 24/7/365.
- Royal Building Products is the largest extruder of cellular PVC components in North America, producing the largest selection of cellular PVC Thermostop weatherseal products, offering the most color and profile options to the garage door market.
- Royal also supplies various garage door components to garage door manufacturers and national distributors of garage door components.