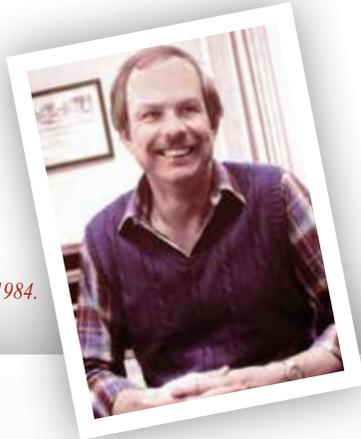


## FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY

### Industrial Spring and Industrial Door Company



Gerry Sizer, 1984.



1978



First spring produced, 1981.



First spring, Holmes plant in Mesa, 2015.

### Milestones

- 1965 ▶ Gerry Sizer (age 19) begins working as an estimator in the garage door department of Johnson Newman Company in Minneapolis.
- 1969 ▶ After serving in the U.S. Navy, Gerry returns to Johnson Newman, which has become Overhead Door Company of the Twin Cities Commercial. He is soon sent to St. Cloud to run St. Cloud Overhead Door as a one-third partner.
- 1971-72 ▶ Sizer is brought back to Overhead Door of the Twin Cities, which had been renamed Twin City Garage Door. Later, he asks the owners when he would be given the opportunity to run the company, and they said, "Gerry, we don't think you can do it." Sizer promptly resigns.
- 1973 ▶ Orlan and Harvey Hinrichs offer Sizer 25 percent of their company, Automatic Garage Door. He declines.
- 1974 ▶ With a pickup truck and \$8,000 borrowed from his father, Sizer starts Industrial Door Company in the garage of his home in Ramsey, Minn., at age 28. As the only employee, he focuses on commercial jobs.
- 1977 ▶ Sizer purchases a building in Coon Rapids, Minn., remodels it, and adds office space.
- 1981 ▶ Sizer becomes a manufacturer after purchasing Twin City Spring, renaming it Industrial Spring.
- 1984-85 ▶ Industrial Door purchases the assets of K & K Door and Hauenstein & Burmeister, installing garage door companies in the Twin Cities area.
- 1990 ▶ Industrial Spring develops standardized safety labeling, presenting the concept to DODA and NAGDM, the national door dealer and door manufacturer associations. Sizer helps to draft legislation to govern garage door safety standards in Minnesota, which soon became the first U.S. state to require secondary entrapment devices (e.g., photo-eyes).
- 1991 ▶ Industrial Spring expands, adding 23,000 sq. ft., purchasing additional automatic coiling equipment, and installing a conveyor paint line as the company begins making extension springs.
- 1993 ▶ The company begins exporting by supplying garage doors and components to air force bases in Kuwait.
- 1998 ▶ Gerry's son and daughter, Jeremy and Jodi, begin active involvement in managing the company. Succession plans are put in place.
- ▶ Industrial Spring builds a new 42,000-sq.-ft. facility in Coon Rapids.
- 2000 ▶ Jodi (Boldenow) becomes president and CEO, and Jeremy becomes vice president and COO.
- 2005 ▶ Industrial Spring adds more manufacturing equipment and another 43,000 sq. ft.
- ▶ Gerry Sizer is awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from CMDC/SBA, a company that provides loans to small businesses. He retires.

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## Milestones (continued)

- 2006 Industrial Door launches its overlay division, which designs and builds custom wood overlays for steel garage doors.
- 2007 Industrial Spring purchases Holmes Spring Mfg. in Tempe, Ariz., expanding its market to the West Coast.
- 2009 The company expands to the east with the purchase of Collier Spring of Brantford, Ontario.
- 2011 Industrial Door changes its name to IDC-Automatic Garage Door after acquiring Automatic Garage Door of Champlin, Minn., where Gerry Sizer once turned down part ownership.
- 2013 Industrial Spring opens a new 48,000-sq.-ft. manufacturing plant in Piqua, Ohio, enabling faster delivery to customers in the greater Midwest and the Northeast.
- 2014 Industrial Spring purchases the spring-making assets of Windsor Door.
- 2015 Holmes Spring relocates from a leased facility in Tempe to a new location purchased in Mesa, Ariz. The plant is laid out for maximum efficiency.
- Industrial Door is honored as one of the Top 150 Workplaces in Minnesota and receives the Minnesota Family Business Award.
- 2017 Today, Industrial Spring and Holmes Spring are among the largest spring manufacturers in the U.S. and Canada, supplying manufacturers across North America and exporting to Europe, Israel, and South America. IDC-Automatic Garage Door is a leading garage door installation company in the Minneapolis market.
- The company uniquely has two operating divisions: a local installing door dealer and a national spring manufacturer with three manufacturing locations that reach a national market.



Industrial Spring, 2017.



Jodi Boldenow and Jeremy Sizer, 2017.