

FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY

MILLER EDGE



▲ Norman K. Miller, circa 1920, Romania



▲ Miller in Philadelphia, 1936, shortly after arriving in the U.S.

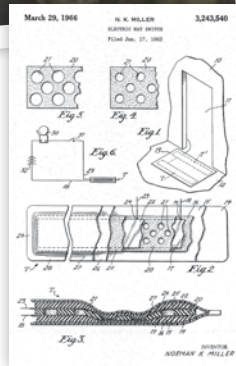
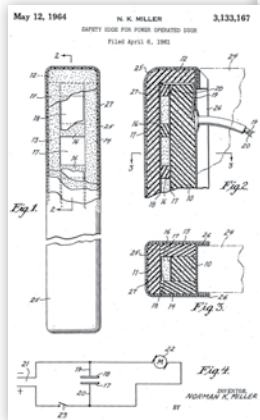


▲ Norman and his two brothers begin manufacturing vinyl coin purses in the basement of their Philadelphia home.

▶ Norman K. Miller enlists in the U.S. Army, where he becomes a member of the 182nd Infantry.



▼ Original patent for safety edge for power-operated door.

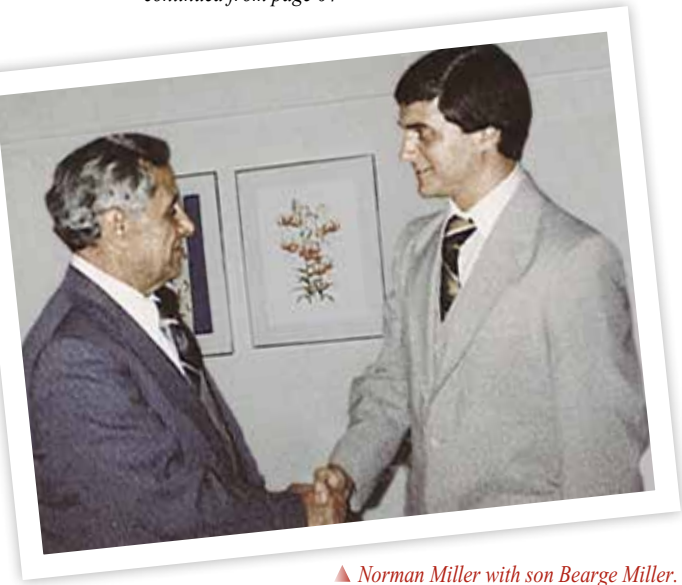


▲ First patent for the Electric Mat Switch issued in 1966.

Milestones

- 1914 ▶ Norman K. Miller is born on the back of a hay cart fleeing from the Ottoman Turks; the family flees to a refugee camp in Romania when Miller is just a baby.
- 1920 ▶ Miller is invited by Mekhitarist monks to attend one of the best prep schools in Europe.
- 1934 ▶ Miller graduates from Moorat-Raphael College of Venice, Italy.
- 1935 ▶ Miller moves to the U.S. to live with his uncle's family in Philadelphia and attends the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.
- 1937 ▶ Miller and his two brothers co-found Miller Brothers, a manufacturing company offering purses and hand tool pouches.
- 1939 ▶ Miller enlists in the U.S. Army at the beginning of World War II. While stationed in Guadalcanal, he makes design improvements to the Reising submachine gun to help prevent jamming. These enhancements were later adopted by the Marines. He also creates a safety padding inside military tanks to help prevent injury.
- 1945 ▶ Miller receives honorable discharge.
- 1955 ▶ Aware of Miller's ingenuity for developing safety solutions, General Merrill Burnside recruits him to create a safety device for airplane hangar doors at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.
- 1956 ▶ Miller launches the first electrically activated reversing edge sensor. This product becomes known as the Miller Safety Edge.
- 1957 ▶ Miller is issued the first patent for an "Electrically Activated Safety Edge for Hangar Doors".
- 1966 ▶ Miller Brothers is issued the Electric Mat Switch patent.
- 1967 ▶ Miller Brothers' Concordville, Pa., plant is built to accommodate the expansion of the company and sales growth.
- 1977 ▶ Miller Brothers expands product line to include sensitive door edge sensors for transit vehicles.
- 1978 ▶ The Concordville plant is expanded from 8,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft.
- 1981 ▶ Following the passing of Norman's two brothers, Miller Brothers becomes Miller Edge, Inc. to reflect the core mission of giving customers "The Edge" on safety.
- 1988 ▶ Norman's daughter, Flossie Miller, joins the family business.
- 1990 ▶ Barge Miller, Norman's son, is elected president of the company after 10 years as head of engineering.
- 1991 ▶ Norman K. Miller is presented the Distinguished Service Award by the International Door Association (IDA) at the Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

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▲ Norman Miller with son Bearge Miller.



▲ Tempe, Ariz., location.



▼ Jennersville, Pa., corporate headquarters.



Milestones

- 1992 ▶ Miller Edge's East Coast facility expands to Jennersville, Pa.
- 1993 ▶ Miller Edge is issued patent for the first UL-recognized edge sensor designed for residential garage doors.
- 1994 ▶ Miller Edge opens Phoenix, Ariz., facility to offer improved service to customers in the western region.
- 1997 ▶ Miller Edge expands to a new manufacturing facility in Tempe, Ariz. This facility aids West Coast customers.
- 1998 ▶ Miller Edge receives the Industry Member Service Award from IDA at its annual IDAExpo.
- 2006 ▶ Miller Edge is issued a patent for bi-directional sensing edges for gates.
- 2007 ▶ Norman K. Miller is presented the inaugural Humanitarian Award by the International Door Association at their annual IDAExpo.
- 2010 ▶ Bearge Miller is presented the Distinguished Service Award by IDA at its annual IDAExpo.
- ▶ Miller Edge introduces a full line of patented monitored wireless sensing edges that exceed UL 325 requirements for commercial doors.
- 2016 ▶ Miller Edge launches six new products to meet more rigorous UL 325 automated gate safety standards.
- 2019 ▶ Today, Miller Edge manufactures automated safety solutions for the door and gate industries, nationally and internationally. The company is family-owned by the second generation of Millers. Miller Edge is continually growing and developing new products and innovative customer solutions.



▲ President Bearge Miller and Flossie (Miller) Mohler, Sr. Vice President Business Development & Marketing.