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An Anvil International Company

Continuing our legacy

Anvil's history stretches back to the mid 1800's, when a company named Grinnell® began providing the finest quality pipe hangers and hardware. Even more important than the product going out the door were the men and women working hard every day to make it happen, and the customers receiving their solutions with a grin and a handshake. It's this devotion to customer satisfaction that sets us apart in the industry, because Anvil EPS is more than just a pipe product manufacturer, it's a way of life for hundreds of Americans.

Grinnell Corporation traces its origin back to the Providence Steam and Gas Pipe Company. Founded in 1850, the company's early products included water pipes used for heating with steam from Corliss steam engines. Frederick Grinnell purchased a controlling interest in the company and became its president in 1869. By the turn of the century, the company was consolidated with two others under the name of the General Fire Extinguisher Company. The succeeding years ushered in a period of tremendous growth, and created the need for a series of consolidations, restructuring, and reorganizing to effectively manage that growth. New divisions were created, including the Supply Sales Division, and manufacturing plants, warehouse facilities, and distribution systems were greately expanded. By 1944 Grinnell had become so diversified that the name of the parent company, General Fire Extinguisher Company, was changed to Grinnell Corporation.

In 1969 Grinnell Corporation was acquired by International Telephone & Telegraph Co. (ITT). At that time Grinnell consisted of several divisions serving the broad fields of Fire Protection Division, which became Grinnell Fire Protection Systems Company, Inc. (GFPS), an intependent company. Other Grinnell divisions remained a part of ITT.

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In 1976, Tyco Laboratories of Exeter, NH purchased GFPS and, in 1986, acquired Grinnell Manufacturing and Supply Sales reuniting them with GFPS.

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Today, Anvil International is the largest and most complete fitting and hanger manufacturer in the world. Take a look at how we've grown in 150 years.

1850 Fredrick Grinnell purchases a controlling interest in the Providence Steam and Gas Pipe Co.

1892 Providence Steam & Gas Pipe Co. is combined with sprinkler manufacturers from New York and Ohio to form General Fire Extinguisher Co. Fredrick Grinnell is named President.

1909 Frederick Grinnell opens a foundry in Cranston, RI. Companies express interest in buying its piping products, laying the groundwork for what would become the Grinnell Supply Sales Division. It would be these manufacturing and sales operations that eventually become Anvil International.

1919 General Fire Extinguisher Co. becomes Grinnell® Co.

1960 Gruvlok line of grooved fittings is introduced.

1969 Grinnell Co. is acquired by International Telephone and Telegraph. Two years later, ITT divests the Fire Protection Division, but keeps the manufacturing and sales divisions that will become known as Anvil International.

1994 J.B. Smith and Catawissa join the Grinnell Supply Sales and Manufacturing division.

1999 Tyco sells the distribution and manufacturing operations known up to this point as "Grinnell Supply Sales," but keeps the Grinnell® trademark.

2000 The industry's trusted manufacturer of pipe fittings, hangers and grooved fittings is renamed Anvil International, Inc.

2001 Anvil International acquires Merit Manufacturing and Beck Manufacturing.

2004 Anvil International acquires Star Pipe Products Building and Construction Divisions (SPF) and forms AnvilStar™ Fire Products Division.

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