

The Cope Plastics Story



Over 70 years of
Continued Dedication

Cope Plastics is an authorized distributor for leading plastic manufacturers, including Mitsubishi Advanced Chemical Materials, Roechling, Cast Nylons, Arkema, Plaskolite, 3A Composites, Saint-Gobain, and many others.

We're the supplier of choice for over 7,000 companies and OEM's in the heavy equipment, agriculture, food service, oil & gas, aerospace, medical, transportation, retail, and graphics industries (among others).

We employ over 350 team members who share a common commitment to quality and service. No matter what your challenges, we'll help you figure out a solution.

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How did we get to where we are today?

1946

Dwight and Mozelle Cope founded Cope Plastics. Dwight had previously been an employee of Plastics Parts and Sales of St. Louis. Dwight and Mozelle began growing the company, specifically in the hobby industry and the industrial art departments of high schools and colleges.

late 1940s
early 1950s

The use of plastics in industry rapidly expands, fueling the business of distribution of flat sheets, rods, tubes, and other materials. Cope's partners began requesting parts that were cut to size with finished edges, drilled holes, and customized machining.

1958

Cope Plastics opens a standalone fabrication facility in Godfrey, IL to provide solutions for the growing needs of our partners for machined parts.

1960

Our first sales branch opens in Rock Island, Illinois. New branches began opening across the Midwest and we are still expanding into new branch locations today.

1972

Cope Plastics' corporate headquarters relocates from Godfrey, IL to our current location at 4441 Industrial Drive in Alton, IL. Warehousing and fabrication capacity expanded with a larger, 130,000 square foot building and more land.

late 1970s
early 1980s

The nationwide energy crunch caused us to re-evaluate our business. We began our shift from 90% distribution and 10% fabrication to our current 45% distribution and 55% fabrication mix.

2004

Ownership interests at Cope Plastics were consolidated, making us one of the largest, privately-held, woman-owned businesses in the Metro St. Louis area.

2010's

- '12 Solar powered Processing Center opened
Jane Saale was named the first woman president of IAPD
- '13 Certified as a woman owned business by the NWBOC
- '14 Acquired JB Jensen & Son in Genoa City, WI
- '18 Peoria & Rock Island, IL branch consolidation
- '18 Goodyear, AZ sales branch opens