



StateWide
WINDOWS

History

1940

1947
Louie Baird establishes State Wide Aluminum (SWA), an aluminum storm doors and windows retailer, in Elkhart, Indiana.

1950

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SWA becomes a wholesale aluminum storm doors and window provider, with the goal of someday manufacturing its own products.

1960

1955
SWA realizes their goal and begins producing aluminum windows and doors.

1965
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SWA opens an aluminum extrusion operation in South Bend, Indiana to supply the window and door plant.

1965
Joe Blazek, future owner of SWA, joins the company in a management position.

1970

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The South Bend operation begins fabricating tailgate doors for truck caps and materials for the travel trailer industry.

1970
Joe Blazek acquires 50% ownership of SWA, with two other owners each holding 25%.

1975
The South Bend extrusion operation is sold for a substantial profit.

1977
SWA purchases Window Craft, Inc., a manufacturer of side windows for the truck cap industry.

1977
SWA purchases Statewide Components in Oregon, to expand distribution to the northwestern states.

1980

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SWA invests in equipment to begin manufacturing radius windows for the fiberglass truck cap industry.

1981
SWA receives a patent on the Trapezoid Rear Door for truck caps.

1983
SWA purchases Alliance Distribution in Ft. Worth, Texas and Window Shop in Atlanta, Georgia, to further expand distribution.

1988
SWA purchases Bannister Products in Leola, Pennsylvania, extending distribution into the Northeast.

1990

1991
SWA introduces Ready Mount Truck Cap windows, to rave reviews.

1991
Joe Blazek purchases another 25% stake in SWA, giving him 75% company ownership.

1993
SWA invests in new equipment manufacturing materials for horse and livestock trailer windows.

1994
SWA becomes the first high-volume producer of drop down feed doors.

1997
SWA begins bonding glass to aluminum frames for an "all glass" window

1999
Joe Blazek obtains 100% ownership of SWA.

1999
The Drop Down Front Slider window is developed, winning 3rd Prize at TCAA show in the category of "Best New Product Less than \$50."

2000

2002
Ft. Worth operations are moved to Chickasha, Oklahoma to be closer to the company's horse trailer customers.

2005
A patent is issued for SWA's EC 325 feed door.

2006
John B. Poindexter purchases SWA from Joe Blazek.

2006
SWA becomes a division of Truck Accessories Group, alongside sister companies LEER East, LEER Midwest, LEER West, Century Products, Raider and Pace Edwards.

2010

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SWA begins production for the shuttle bus industry.

2012
SWA begins manufacturing for the heavy truck and agricultural industries.

2013
Production begins on aftermarket windows for Sprinter Vans.

2013
SWA resumes production of storm doors for the local market.

2013
For the first time in 60 years, SWA begins producing materials for Class "A" buses in the RV industry.