



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.