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Canimex



Photos:

1. Canimex founders (from left) Gilles Paquette, Roger Dubois, and Maurice Lavallée.
2. Drummondville manufacturing plant, 1995.
3. Roger Dubois (left, president) and Michel Beaudoin (Torque Force division manager), 1987.
4. Canimex head office in Drummondville, Quebec, Canada, 1979.
5. Canimex head office, 2001.
6. Canimex logo, 1969.
7. Torque Force Canimex logo, 2009.

Milestones

- 1969 In Drummondville, Quebec, Roger Dubois and two partners found Canimex, a company that imports and exports bearings and oil seals, chains, sprockets, and other mechanical components.
- 1980 Michel Beaudoin makes his debut with Canimex as a sales representative for the Mechanical division.
- 1981 Canimex gains its first customer in the garage door industry.
- 1985 Canimex launches its chain hoist production line.
- 1987 The Hydraulic division is created.
Canimex acquires the Torque Force trademark and begins the aluminum die-cast production.
- 1988 The Torque Force division is founded.
- 1991 Canimex hires Ron Clark, the first Torque Force sales representative in the United States.
- 1993 Roger Dubois becomes the sole owner of Canimex.
- 1995 Canimex acquires a new 70,000-sq.-ft. warehouse for the aluminum die-cast production.
- 1997 The Torque Force division develops its innovative Torque Balance software, a program that calculates the correct springs to counterbalance any sectional garage door.
- 1998 Canimex extends the Torque Force manufacturing plant in Drummondville to 175,000 sq. ft. and establishes its first warehouse in the United States in Orlando, Fla.
- 2000 Canimex extends its warehousing capacity in Drummondville with the acquisition of a new 100,000-sq.-ft. warehouse and manufacturing plant.
The Clever Plugs product line is created by the Torque Force division.
- 2001 Canimex renovates its head office in Drummondville, increasing it to 130,000 sq. ft.
Michel Beaudoin becomes division director for Torque Force.
Canimex acquires Drummondville-based OPD (112,000 sq. ft.), a company specialized in stamping, sheet metal works, and mechanically welded parts.
- 2002 The Torque Force division obtains the ISO 9001-2000 certification.
- 2003 Canimex Torque Force introduces its Spring Break Device for residential doors, designed to reduce the risk of a door falling due to a spring breakage.
- 2004 Canimex acquires Drummondville-based Logimex (40,000 sq. ft.), an importer and distributor of household appliance components, and Arpex (45,000 sq. ft.), a designer and manufacturer of thermoforming molds and stamping dies, also in Drummondville.
The Torque Force division introduces the Stopping Bottom Bracket V2i (SBB V2i), designed to reduce the risk of a door from falling in the event of a cable failure.
- 2005 Canimex acquires Manaras-Opera (43,000 sq. ft.) in Pointe-Claire, Quebec, a company that designs, assembles, and markets operators for commercial and industrial garage doors, grilles, and shutters.
- 2006 Canimex acquires a new 700,000-sq.-ft. warehouse and manufacturing plant in Drummondville.
The Torque Force division introduces the Canimex Governor Device for manually operated rolling steel fire doors.
- 2007 Canimex Torque Force introduces the SBB V3 featuring a burglar-resistant device, extending its offering of free-fall containment devices.
- 2008 Canimex launches a completely new Web site at www.canimex.com.
Canimex Torque Force starts selling directly in Europe after 20 years of presence through a European distributor and opens four warehouses and distribution points in Europe.
- 2009 More than 850 employees now work for Canimex. The Torque Force division has 12 warehouses and distribution points in North America.