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**HISTORY**

**Clarence Veigel and  
Service Spring Corporation**



**Photos**

1. After three years in operation, the company moves to this building in Rossford, Ohio.
2. Founder Clarence Veigel in 1977.
3. Pat McAlear at the DODA show in 1975.
4. 1985 Display: Jim Haynie, Mike McAlear, and Pat McAlear.
5. Service Spring in Millbury, Ohio, in 2002.
6. 1978 Office (from left): Pat McAlear, Marilyn Bowie, Clarence Veigel, Evelyn Veigel, Tom Grogan, Marilyn McAlear (current CFO), Eddie Wernet, Jim Haynie.

**Sources**

- Mike McAlear and Craig Radabaugh, Service Spring
- Bill Eichenberger of APCO, friend of Clarence Veigel
- DODA News, Oct-Nov 1975



Service Spring's logo since ca. 1973.

**Milestones**

- 1898 ▶ Clarence Veigel is born in Napoleon, Ohio.
- 1930 ▶ In his own building specialty sales company, Veigel begins selling Kinnear doors and their new sectional door.
- 1939 ▶ He begins selling Ro-Way garage doors from Rowe Mfg. of Galesburg, Ill.
- 1946 ▶ As Acme Automatic Door Co. of Toledo, Veigel becomes one of the first dealers for the new Raynor Mfg. Co. of Dixon, Ill. He soon adds Detroit Rolling Door as a branch operation in Detroit.
- 1949 ▶ Veigel sells Acme Automatic and Detroit Rolling Door.
- 1950 ▶ As Toledo Rolling Door, Veigel manufactures flush door sections.
- 1950 ▶ Attempting to erase the widespread confusion and inconsistency of spring calculations, he begins work on dozens of torsion spring engineering charts.
- 1953 ▶ Veigel establishes Veigel Mfg. Co. and manufactures track.
- 1957 ▶ Resigns as president of Veigel Mfg. to manufacture torsion spring castings as Evco Industries of Toledo.
- 1958 ▶ At age 60, Clarence Veigel publishes his "Torsion Spring Rate Book," containing about 200 spring charts.
- 1959 ▶ Veigel sells Evco Industries. He helps other firms set up their own spring manufacturing operations, such as Napoleon Spring Works (1961), Overhead Door of Portland, Ore. (1962), Pacific Spring of Portland, Ore. (1964), McKee Door (1965), Penn Central Spring (1967), Overhead Door of Ontario, Canada (1970), Overhead Door of Hartford City, Ind. (1972).
- 1962 ▶ On April 6, at age 63, Veigel founds Service Spring Corporation in Toledo, Ohio.
- 1963 ▶ Service Spring's sales volume reaches \$150,000 in its first full year.
- 1965 ▶ The company moves to Rossford, Ohio.
- 1972 ▶ The firm relocates to Perrysburg Township.
- 1973 ▶ Veigel becomes chairman of the board at Service Spring; Pat McAlear, his son-in-law, becomes president.
- 1977 ▶ Service Spring moves to a new building in Millbury, Ohio. Plant extensions are added in 1985 and 1991.
- 1982 ▶ The company offers the industry's first spring warranty.
- 1983 ▶ Clarence Veigel dies at age 85.
- 1994 ▶ Pat McAlear becomes CEO. His son, Mike McAlear, becomes president.
- 2002 ▶ Service Spring celebrates its 40th anniversary.