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## **Haas Door**





LaHote (center), ca. 1980s.



Wauseon, Ohio, offices, 1996-2014



Haas truck, 1980.

#### **Milestones**

1957

Late

1960s

1968

1972

1976

1989

1995

1996

1999

2000

2003

2004

1953 Haas Door Company is founded outside Perrysburg, Ohio, by Ernest M. Haas, with his sons Ernest A. (Spike), Deloy J. (Barney), Duke, and son-in-law, Donald LaHote. The company focuses on the repair and service of sectional garage doors.

> The company begins manufacturing in a 5,000-sq.-ft. building at the corner of Route 20 and Glenwood Road in Perrysburg.

> The company expands its manufacturing facility to 120,000 sq. ft., as Haas Door begins exporting its doors internationally.

Haas Door is one of the founding members of the National Association of Garage Door Manufacturers (NAGDM).

Donald LaHote is elected to a two-year term as president of NAGDM.

With Duke Haas as president and Donald LaHote as vice president, Haas Door expands its line to include garage door openers and the first insulated garage door in the industry, the CIFA-200. The CIFA marked a breakthrough with insulation and color availability never before offered in the industry. The CIFA would later lead to the Haas Therm insulated garage door.

Ernest Haas, company founder, dies at age 90.

Haas Door's manufacturing company is sold to the Masco Corporation of Taylor, Mich., concluding 36 years of Haas family ownership.

Ed and Carol Nofziger purchase Haas Door from MascoTech. Haas Door has 60-70 employees. The Nofzigers, who also own Nofziger Door Sales, had started in the retail door business in 1947 with Ed's father, Dennis, in Archbold, Ohio. In 1969, Ed purchased Nofziger Door from Dennis and, in the 1980s, added a location in Plain City, Ohio.

Haas Door moves from Perrysburg to a 175,000-sq.-ft. facility in Wauseon, Ohio, 40 miles away. Many employees move with the company.

A new production line is added for urethane-insulated garage doors, which include 1-3/8", 1-3/4", and 3"-thick foamed-in-place doors.

Ed Nofziger is named an Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernst & Young.

A new production line is added for residential and commercial non-insulated doors.

The company adds 25,000 sq. ft. for warehousing and staging, doubling its shipping dock capacity.



New logo, introduced 2008.



Ed, Carol, and Jeff Nofziger, 2015.



2015.

### **Milestones (continued)**

2005

The company's market is primarily in the North, Midwest, and Northeast. Its products include insulated and non-insulated residential and commercial doors, as well as steel carriage-house pan and urethane-insulated doors.

2009

Haas Door receives the Industry Member Service Award from the International Door Association (IDA).

2010

The company adds 2"-thick insulated doors (2000 Series) to the product line.

2013

A new strut line is added to produce the Haas-patented E Strut.

2014

Jeffrey Nofziger, with 20 years of garage door experience, succeeds his father as president of Haas Door. Ed Nofziger becomes chairman of the board.

Corporate offices are renovated with new offices and a showroom. New shipping docks are

added, along with new offices and a driver's lounge.

2017

Haas Door has nine different product lines, shipping to dealers across the U.S. and internationally. A new expansion adds 57,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space and new receiving docks.



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