



Imperial Manufacturing Group - Time Line

1979	1981	1982	1984
<p>Imperial Sheet Metal Ltd. opens in the Richibucto-Rexton industrial park: 6,400 sq. ft. and 5 employees.</p> <p>Galvanized duct, pipe and fittings.</p>	<p>Distribution base grows.</p> <p>25 employees.</p>	<p>Imperial Sheet Metal starts production of black matte stove pipe and elbows.</p> <p>40 employees.</p>	<p>First expansion of Richibucto: 3,200 sq. ft. addition.</p>

1985	1986	1987	1989
<p>Distribution expands to hardware distributors; market share grows in Ontario and Quebec.</p> <p>Sales office opens in Toronto.</p> <p>Enters U.S. market for first time.</p>	<p>Acquired Wood Fuel Technology, Bridgewater, NS chimney brush manufacturer.</p> <p>Imperial Brush Co. Ltd. established.</p>	<p>Added 4,000 sq. ft. to Richibucto plant, including new administrative offices.</p> <p>Acquired P.R.P. Manufab, Quebec, adding gaskets for stoves, furnaces and fireplace doors.</p>	<p>Automation begins with the first automatic elbow machine in Canada with robotics coming the next year.</p>

1990	1991	1993	1993
<p>Established third division, Imperial Building Products Inc. to manufacture steel studs, drywall trim, roof starter strip, drop ceiling components.</p> <p>Added 24,000 sq. ft. in Richibucto.</p> <p>ISM Transport Inc., IMG trucking company established.</p> <p>Ventilation products added to line.</p>	<p>Imperial Air Filters Ltd. established by acquisition and another 7,200 sq. ft. added in Richibucto.</p> <p>Air filters for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional applications.</p>	<p>6,400 sq. ft. addition in Richibucto to accommodate venting products and new plastic injection molding capabilities.</p> <p>Employees now number 125.</p> <p>Products introduced to Asian and Russian markets.</p>	<p>Acquired Kool-Ray Products Ltd., Montreal manufacturer of aluminum railings, columns and awnings.</p> <p>Incorporated Imperial Kool-Ray Inc.</p>





1994	1995	1996	1997
<p>Absorbed Eastern Air Filters of Dartmouth, NS.</p> <p>Added 20,000 sq. ft. to Richibucto plant.</p> <p>Now at 250 employees.</p> <p>Opened sales & distribution centers in Mississauga, Ontario and Hamel, Illinois.</p>	<p>Moved Imperial Kool-Ray manufacturing from Montreal to Richibucto.</p> <p>Added 6,400 sq. ft. administration building in Richibucto.</p> <p>Formed Imperial Registers Inc., IMG's 6th division following acquisition of Holden Register, Ontario.</p> <p>Added another 22,000 sq. ft. to Richibucto.</p>	<p>Moved to new distribution center in Mississauga, ON.</p> <p>Now 280 employees strong.</p> <p>Opened 110,000 sq. ft. commercial warehouse in Dieppe, NB.</p>	<p>24,000 sq. ft. building added to Richibucto complex.</p> <p>Built new warehouse / distribution facility in Hamel, IL near St. Louis in U.S.A.</p> <p>New plastic injection moulding operations begun in Richibucto.</p> <p>28,000 sq. ft. Imperial Kool-Ray facility built in Anjou, Quebec.</p>

1998	1999	2000	2001
<p>IMG Group began implementing ISO 9002 Quality Standard.</p> <p>Acquired registers division of Dancy Metal Products and purchased Apex Specialty Hardware.</p> <p>Added warehouse space in Mississauga.</p> <p>Now at 375 employees.</p> <p>20% of production exported to U.S.A.</p>	<p>IMG Group's 20th anniversary: 7,000 products, 170,000 sq. ft. of space.</p> <p>Purchased J.M.R., a tool and die manufacturer and acquired black matte and hearth accessories assets of U.S. based Jakes Evans, providing access to American wholesale and retail hardware business.</p> <p>Additional space in Hamel, Richibucto, Dieppe.</p>	<p>Total IMG workforce: more than 500 employees and 400,000 sq. ft. in facilities.</p> <p>Acquired Design Krolon Ltd, for its aluminum columns expertise; Break Thru Products, Vancouver, for their pop-up vent deflector line; Boflex Inc., Montreal, ventilation products and Talarico Inc., Ontario.</p> <p>Started powder coating paint line, Richibucto.</p>	<p>Bought Michelin building in Dieppe, NB, now home to Imperial Air Technologies Inc., IMG's 8th division, making air ventilation, purification, humidification and filtration products, many under the Greentek brand name.</p>



2002	2003	2004	2005
<p>Acquired Kel Kem Professional Products, Pickering, ON, line of stove and fireplace cleaning and maintenance products becoming 9th division: Imperial Kel Kem Inc.</p> <p>Included all retail HVAC brand name products, basis of a major expansion of core business in Canada and the U.S.A.</p> <p>Acquired Filtration Plus of Dartmouth, NS and established 10th IMG division, Imperial Filtration Plus.</p>	<p>IMG is now 10 divisions, employing 800 people in Canada and the United States, 600 of who work for IMG in New Brunswick.</p> <p>Manufacturing and warehousing space now totals more than 500,000 sq. ft.</p>	<p>25th anniversary of Imperial Manufacturing Group.</p>	<p>New state-of-the-art HVAC and Building Products facility In Oakville, ON.</p> <p>Merging of Pickering (Kel Kem) and Oakville Operations in Spring 2005</p> <p>New 102,000 sq. ft. manufacturing and distribution facility.</p>