

## The History of Bay Plastics Machinery

The company's rich history began in 1961 when its founder, Tony Forgash, Sr., formed JETRO, Inc., in Bay City, Michigan. He was joined by his son, Tony Forgash Jr., and together they are responsible for leading the design and development of pelletizer technology. In 1974, JETRO was purchased by Conair and operated as Conair JETRO. The engineering, design, and manufacturing of the Conair JETRO pelletizers continued in Bay City, until 1997 when Conair made the decision to consolidate all manufacturing to Franklin, PA. The core group of engineers and manufacturing did not take the relocation package offered; instead they formed Bay Plastics Machinery. The same group continued to support the existing customer base from a new facility and under the new name.

In 1998, Bay Plastics Machinery formed a joint venture partnership with CF Scheer out of Stuttgart, Germany. The new partnership operated as Scheer Bay Co. and produced pelletizers on both the Bay Plastics and Scheer designs. In 2008, CF Scheer declared insolvency and the partnership was dissolved. The dissolution of the partnership had no effects on the operations in Bay City and they proceeded to operate under its original name of Bay Plastics Machinery. At the end of the day, it is still the same group of designers, engineers, and manufactures with a combined experience of more than 430 years, that are producing the best quality and cutting edge technology in the industry today.

Although the company's name has changed over the years, the core BPM team is responsible for developing the entire Conair JETRO pelletizer line and the modification of the Scheer Bay machines. This accomplished core of professionals have been committed to a vision of effectively serving the plastics industry for more than 50 years and looks forward to a bright future continuing this tradition. The core group at Bay Plastics Machinery, many of whom began working with Tony Forgash Sr., have seen many changes in both the industry and the company itself. It is the company's goal to remain committed to the vision of its original founder, as well as welcoming new employees and the ideas that they bring to the company, allowing for new growth.

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