



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF INNOVATIVE METALCASTING

RAMSDEN INDUSTRIES LIMITED

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Achieving 75 years in business is a significant milestone for any organization. Yet Bob Ramsden, executive chair of Ramsden Industries Limited, has a measured perspective of the London company's diamond anniversary. "Metalcasting has been around for 5,000 years, and it's said you are never more than 10 metres from a casting. That's a global, everyday impact, and we're just trying to put our little mark on it," he says.

While Ramsden Industries' core values – including a family atmosphere and the team's high engagement with customers – remain strong as ever after 75 years, the company also embraces advancement and change. "Our plant operations are supported by a strong base of technology, which boosts our capabilities. We do a lot of virtual development of our processes, as well as designing and building custom equipment internally to best serve our customers. We apply technologies like x-ray for non-destructive testing, 3D printing for tooling and prototype development, and various forms of automation in our processes that support our team and our customers," explains company

president Andrew, Bob's son.

Engineering and manufacturing technologies have seen huge advances since Ramsden was established by Jack Ramsden in 1946 in a small wood garage in downtown London. "In the early years, we supplied many different markets and manufactured a wide range of products – from Tag-a-Long trailers to go-karts to infrared paint curing systems to barbecue housings – but always with metalcasting at the core," Andrew notes. "In more recent decades, we have focused solely on advancing the aluminum casting process."

Ramsden Industries supports both domestic and international customers in many industries, manufacturing high-performance aluminum permanent mold castings to clients' specifications. "We feel fortunate to contribute to some of the world's most innovative products," says Andrew. "We really appreciate the opportunity to develop longstanding relationships with many of our customers."

Some of those relationships extend back to the 1970s when Bob and his brother, Don (now retired), joined their dad, Jack, in the business. The foundry is in the family's blood and now in its third generation, with Andrew initiated into the business making castings at a young age.



"There is a real passion throughout the company for the work we do, even after 75 years," he says, noting that connecting and working closely as a team on the shop floor is the most important part of each day. "The skill and dedication of our team is the reason for our enduring success. And it's our hope that Ramsden provides a place for our team members where we can all show up and feel a sense of contribution and community – and do some really interesting metalcasting along the way."

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