



MULTIPLASTICS:

More than a manufacturer, its team is innovating, creating

At first glance you might describe Multiplastics as a South Carolina-based manufacturer. You might note the company works with heavy-gauge thermoform plastics. It's also a woman-owned family business with a 60-year history. All that's true, but Multiplastics can really be described in two words: problem solvers.

The Multiplastics engineering team works closely with customers to create plastic packaging, skins, containers and much more. Using a thick, durable plastic they manufacture packaging or containers that meet the client's needs while saving them money because the containers are durable and reusable.

"We provide solutions to problems our clients face, whether it is noise issues, durability issues or usability," said Jan Gambardella, who handles business development. "We provide the tools needed to take an idea from art to part."

Multiplastics makes everything from laptop charging carts for offices and schools to golf cart dashboards and air ducts for government defense vehicles. They recently worked with The Ice Box Co. to create a new product for its ice machine line. Multiplastics had been manufacturing a funnel for metal ice machines for more than 20 years and has now revamped the ice machine, creating an entirely new product out of plastic.

Oftentimes Multiplastics helps its customers save money when converting parts into plastic. Converting products to plastics helps customers achieve color matching for precise and marketable

color choices. No paint is necessary for plastic products and products can withstand scratches and dents. Custom finish looks are available and plastic is lightweight and heat resistant.

Product diversification is key to Multiplastics' growth and ability to overcome challenges.

"We supply parts to all industry segments," Gambardella said. "Our effort to look at industries that may not use plastics and show them the advantages and capabilities plastics offer is key."

Multiplastics is also proud of the fact all its products are designed and manufactured locally, making them truly "Made in South Carolina."

Robert F. Curd and Dorothy K. Dailey started the company 60 years ago in Chicago as Curd Enterprises Inc. with the primary focus on fabrication of fiberglass billboards and product displays. A warmer climate drew Curd and his company to Charleston in 1965. Curd's daughter, Deborah Herbert, joined the company in 1979 and has been president since 1986.

Multiplastics, a division of Curd Enterprises, is responsible for the first water runoff containment system for bridges in the United States. The system protects fragile marshlands from the effects of gasoline and oil residue. As Multiplastics continues to respond to the needs of their customers, the company has recently added new equipment, replaced all overhead lighting in the plant and reorganized the facility. After 60 years in business, Multiplastics is going strong and still growing.

Pictured Above:
Mulplastics works with Ice Box Company to convert metal ice box into plastic.

Mission: The problem-solving team of staff and engineers at Multiplastics works closely with customers to create plastic packaging, skins, containers and much more.

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