



Hastings manufacturing has been a part of Yankton history since October 8, 1984, at which time it officially opened its doors for business. This part of the business was originally located in Hastings, Michigan. At that time the company desired to increase its sales in the filter aftermarket. The decision was made to build a new plant to manufacture filters in Yankton, S.D.

The building site consisted of 20 acres just to the east of then Alumax Extrusions. The original building consisted of 51,000 sq. ft. It housed an assembly and packaging line for round air filters and a assembly line, paint line, and packaging line for light duty automotive oil filters. The primary brands which were produced were Hastings, Casite, and Pamida. During this time many of the components used to make filters were produced at the Hastings Michigan plant, then shipped to Yankton.

In order to become more self sufficient the decision was made to construct an addition to the current structure in 1986. This addition was approximately 50,000 sq ft. It offered the opportunity to build many of the components for filters thus avoiding the costly shipping of the materials from Hastings Michigan. These included presses which could stamp out the small metal components, and a manufacturing line to produce the elements which are the filtering media inside of the spin on filter. This addition also allowed room to facilitate a production line which produced cartridge style filters.

In 1989 Hastings Filters purchased the land and building (Current Shurco sight) in northwest Yankton to begin a new endeavor manufacturing panel air filters. The addition of this product line allowed Hastings to become a complete filter provider for the light duty automotive market.

In the fall of 1995, Hastings sold its filter-making operations located in Hastings MI, Knoxville, TN and Yankton, SD to Clarcor Inc. (Baldwin Filters) for \$13.9 million. This deal would allow all of the filter making equipment to be moved from Hastings, MI, to Yankton. Additional room was necessary in order to house this equipment, so a 69,000 sq. ft. addition was completed in 1996. This gave the Yankton facility the opportunity to become vertically integrated. This also introduced the Baldwin Filters brand along with the Hastings, Casite, and many other private brands.

In 2002 a new Heavy Duty Air product line was introduced into the Yankton facility. This provided the opportunity for Yankton to become the first Baldwin Filters plant to utilize urethane products. This also launched the Yankton plant into the heavy duty market where prior to this its production consisted of light duty automotive. This product line proved to be a success, so another Heavy Duty Air line was added in 2006.

Today, the Yankton Baldwin Filters plant produces over 13 million spin-on filters and 1.8 million Heavy Duty Air filters annually. It employs 172 full time personnel. The plant runs two 10-hour shifts Monday through Thursday and a small third shift that runs five 8-hour shifts. The Yankton plant is ISO 9000: 2008 certified.

Baldwin filters has many incentives & outside activities to keep its employees active in Yankton and the surrounding communities.

Baldwin Filters currently includes 3 U.S. production facilities and 9 Foreign business facilities where Baldwin Filters products are produced.

Baldwin Filters is known throughout the world for its superior product quality and a 97% +++ order fill with product shipped within 24 hours.

