

# 1971

Manufacturing began in facility owned and operated by Lau Division in Lebanon, IN.

## 1974

Wheel assembly started

## 1977

Responsibility for the manufacturing and assembly of wheel and rim product transferred from Lau to Dexter

## 1981

Acquires 45,000 sq. ft. facility at current location

#### 1982

Completed installation of new rim line and transferred entire production from Lebanon to Elkhart

## 1984

Added 39,000 sq. ft. to north side of plant

## 1985

Completed installation of 2nd rim line

## 1987

Added powder coating paint system

#### 1991

Built and installed 1st Fully Automatic (FA) wheel welder to replace Metal Inert Gas (MIG's.)

## 1995

Added 52,000 sq. ft. to east side of building. Installed new Direct Current (DC) welder rim line #1. 2nd FA welder built and installed. Began construction of electrodeposition (E-Coat) paint system.

## 1996

E-Coat system complete

#### 2000

Installed State of the art automatic powder coating booth

#### 2003

Installed "one off" pad printing machine for pinstripes

## 2004

Dexter Rim & Wheel acquired by Americana Development, forming Dexstar Wheel Company, Inc.

# 2005

Upgraded wheel welding machines, effectively increasing throughput by 25%