

WATEROUS HISTORY

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1844

Waterous began in 1844 as Waterous Engine Works Co., Ltd., founded by C. H. Waterous in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. Various types of machinery were built, including saw mill equipment and steam fire engines.

1886

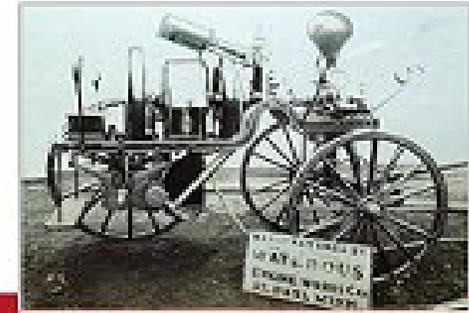
Frederic L. and Frank J. Waterous were tasked with moving the Winnipeg manufacturing to a new facility south St. Paul, Minnesota. The new operation survives and flourishes to become Waterous Company.

1898

Waterous revolutionizes firefighting with the first gasoline-engine-driven fire pump.



Waterous Steam-Driven Fire Engine



1881

In 1881, the twin sons of C. H. Waterous set out for Winnipeg to organize another branch and within a few years, the Winnipeg operation had outgrown the local distribution facilities.

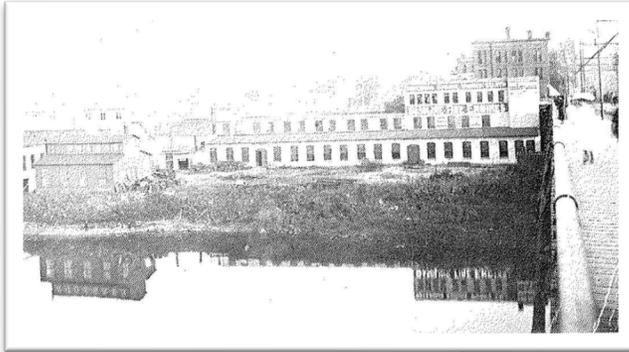


1886 - 1896

First Waterous factory in south St. Paul, Minnesota.



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1896-1917

Waterous builds second factory in St. Paul, Minnesota



1917-1974

Waterous builds a new, much larger and more modern plant at 80 East Fillmore Avenue in St. Paul along rail shipping lines. The new plant is within a block of the Mississippi River.



1912

Waterous continues to build fire apparatus. These vehicles are delivered to Bridgeport, Connecticut and are known as the "Pride of Bridgeport."

1938 Three generations of Waterous products showcases a Waterous horse-drawn steam engine, Waterous self-propelled pumper and an apparatus equipped with a Waterous fire pump.



1929

Waterous completes and delivers its final fire truck. From that point on, the company's mission transitions to focus on fire pumps, hydrants and other firefighting equipment.

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1958 A first-generation Waterous Mobile Training Unit is used to train firefighters and mechanics across the country.



1968

Waterous' Floto-Pump portable fire pump is introduced for the U.S. Forestry Service.

Groundbreaking ceremony is held for the Waterous plant located near the site of the original Waterous factory built in 1886.



1974

Construction is completed on the new Waterous office and factory. This new one-level, 140,000 square-foot manufacturing and office facility affords Waterous to modernize its manufacturing processes.



1955

Waterous introduces several advances including flame-plated impeller hubs for superior wear protection. Waterous is still the only pump manufacturer to offer flame plating.



1965

Waterous is purchased by American Hoist and Derrick through a transfer of stock and becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of the company. Show is John E. Carroll, president of American Hoist and Derrick and Fred Waterous Sr.

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In the later 1970's, Waterous brings two additional product enhancements to the market.

1977



Ball Transfer Valve with a patented floating seal design that provides a smooth transfer to pressure or volume with either manual or electric switch operation

Y-Series Chain-driven transmission providing silent operation and multiple points of engagement.



2002

Due to the influx of new products, Waterous outgrows its facility. In, 2002, Waterous expands its factory, warehouse and office to accommodate the company expansion. The 210,000 square-foot factory and stunning new office is an added benefit to both employees and customers.



2008

Waterous continues to improve and redesign products to better serve the fire industry and introduces the Endurance vehicle-mounted pumps. Representing the next generation in pump thinking, the pumps offer unique combinations of enhanced functionality, lighter weight or more compact designs without sacrificing reliability or ease of operation.



1987

Waterous releases its first self-adjusting Mechanical Seal which provides superior sealing capabilities with no maintenance.

1989

Waterous is purchased by American Cast Iron Pipe Company (ACIPCO) and becomes a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company.



1999

Waterous introduces the Eclipse Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS).



2006

Waterous introduces the C10 Chain-driven transmission replacing the Y-Series. The C10 has an aluminum case with no oil pump and weighs 170 lbs less than the old Y-Series transmission.

1997

Waterous introduces foam proportioners called AQUIS.



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2009

Waterous introduces the C20 Chain-drive transmission to replace the C10 Transmission. The C20 is thinner and weighs 30 lbs less than the C10. The change allows for clearances of the new exhaust requirements for apparatus.



2013

Waterous introduces the S200 Passport international-style pump that meets EN, NFPA and CCC Standards.



2016

Waterous introduces the touch panel screen called Tellurus.



2018

Waterous introduces ECLIPSE Gen 2.0 CAFSystem with Foamulators.



2011

Waterous releases an international-style, compact, rear-mounted HL Series Fire Pump. The HL is able to simultaneously flow high and low pressure.



2011

Waterous celebrates its 125th Anniversary.



2014

Waterous releases the Ultra-High Pressure CPK-5 pump that is used by the United States Air Force for ARFF applications.



2017

To continually manufacture the highest quality products, Waterous invests millions of dollars in its machining and processes including robots.



2019

Waterous introduces an industrial foam system called ULTRAFLOW. Up to 16 discharges can be controlled by the Tellurus digital control.

