

GARLAND'S HISTORY

More than 120 years of experience

Not many companies can make that claim. Founded in 1895, Garland has withstood the test of time to become a worldwide leader in the commercial building industry

1895



Samuel D. Wise loans his younger brother, Jacob B. Wise, \$100 to purchase Garland Refining Company.

1914



The company name is changed under Ohio law to The Garland Company, Inc.®

1917



Jacob Wise's patent for roofing compositions is approved by the U.S. Patent Office, launching Garland's history of innovation.

1919



Garland purchases large plant and warehouse property at 3800 East 91st Street in Cleveland, Ohio, which remains the company headquarters today.

1932



Plant operations are unionized, making Garland one of the earliest – if not the first – manufacturers of industrial paints to run a union shop.

1945



The Garland Company celebrates its 50th anniversary.

1967



V.L. Wise resigns. Brothers John T. Wise and Edward F. Wise split the company.

1974



On May 1, Mel Chrostowski, Dick Olivier and Doug Raynow enter into agreement to purchase The Garland Company. Their leadership marks the beginning of a new era for Garland. By year's end, they are joined by Dick DeBacco, Perry Demming, Bill Oley and Elmer Soliday, forming a solid group of visionaries to take Garland to the next level.

1980



Garland formally introduces [StressPly®](#), the first high-performance modified bitumen roofing system manufactured in North America.

1985



Garland initiates employee ownership through the ESOP program.

1987



Garland Canada Inc.® is formed with headquarters in Toronto, Canada.

1987



Dick DeBacco assumes presidency of Garland after John T. Wise retires.

1992



The Energizer rubberized liquid membrane for roof restoration is introduced.

1994



Garland becomes the first in the U.S. commercial roofing industry to achieve ISO 9002 certification.

1995



The Garland Company celebrates 100 years of continuing growth and success.

1995



Garland is among the first roofing companies in North America to embrace green technologies, introducing the first green roofing system.

1996



Garland introduces Roof Asset Management Program® (RAMP), the industry's most comprehensive software for tracking and managing building assets.

1998



Garland ISO 9001 certification for research and development begins.

2000



Garland inaugurates "The Healy," a new, state-of-the-art product line for roll good products, restructuring and expanding our warehouse around these new capabilities and increasing our total production, warehousing, research and office space in Cleveland to more than 100,000 square feet. Company celebrates 100 years of continuing growth and success.

2000



Garland is recognized by NorthCoast 99 as one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio.

2001



The Garland Company UK, LTD® is formed in Gloucester, England to expand Garland distribution in Europe.

2001



Today, Garland's corporate training centre for new salesmen is named the Soliday centre, in honour of Elmer Soliday, one of Garland's first salesmen and trainers.

2001



Garland introduces the R-Mer Edge product family to protect the roof's perimeter.

2001



Design-Build Solutions, Inc.® (DBS) is formed as a wholly-owned subsidiary headquartered in

Cleveland, to give owners an alternative construction delivery system.

2003



ISO 9001:2000 certification is achieved.

2004



Garland becomes 100 percent employee owned through ESOP.

2004



Dave Sokol, who joined Garland in 1990 and served in various capacities from advertising and marketing manager to vice president of operations, assumes Garland Industries presidency.

2008



Garland launches the Garland Greenhouse®, branding our sustainable product line and services.

2009



Garland achieved ISO 9001:2008 certification, assuring customers of our ongoing commitment to continuous quality improvement.

2009



Garland is one of only five regional employers to be honored with the NorthCoast 99 Legacy Award, which is reserved for organizations that have won the NorthCoast 99 award from the Employers Resource Council (ERC) for 10 years.

2009



Garland launches a dynamic new product category, the Dura-Walk® plaza deck system for roofing areas that are to be used for walkways, decking, or vehicular traffic.

2010



Garland adds StressPly® E (Environmental) membranes that feature selected reinforcements, a unique rubber-modified asphalt and surfacing that contain 8% post-consumer recycled content, 27% pre-consumer recycled content and 2.5% rapidly renewable content.

2011



Garland begins manufacturing coal tar-based Millennium® at its Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturing facility.

2011



Garland becomes the first roofing manufacturer to have its modified membranes certified by UL Environment, the leading environmental claims accreditation body, for both recycled and bio-based content.

2012



Garland begins manufacturing all reflective materials at its West Coast manufacturing facility.

2014



Garland receives the Employers Resource Council (ERC) NorthCoast 99 award for the fifteenth consecutive year as one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio.

2015



Garland introduces OptiMax®, the world's first and only thermoset polyurethane-modified membrane designed to retain its resiliency, making it the longest lasting roof system in the commercial roofing market.

2015



Garland introduces R-Mer Shield, an innovative standing seam roof system designed to provide unrivaled strength, durability and waterproofing protection.

2016



Garland introduces KEE-Stone® FB 60, a 60 mil, fleece-backed, thermoplastic membrane modified with DuPont's™ Elvaloy® HP KEE material and reinforced with a high tensile strength polyester scrim, making it the longest lasting and most durable membrane of its kind in the industry.

2016



During its seventh annual Spirit Week, Garland employees raise more than \$80,000 for Ohio Cancer Research in honour of several Garland family members battling the disease.

2017



R-Mer Force, Garland's patent-pending innovative flashless edge metal, is introduced offering unmatched protection for roof perimeters all while saving building owners time and money.

2017



Garland is honored with the Smart Business Longevity Award, recognizing 122 years in business in Cleveland.

2017



Garland is recognized as a NorthCoast 99 best workplace in Northeast Ohio - our eighteenth consecutive recognition!

2018



Garland introduces the CLEAR™ (Comprehensive Laboratory Effective Analysis Reporting) program operated by Garland's R&D team to test and evaluate roof core samples to answer questions about the system type or identify the source of performance issues.

2018



Garland is recognized as a NorthCoast 99 best workplace in Northeast Ohio for the nineteenth consecutive year.

2018



Pyramic® Plus LO, a water-based reflective coating, is introduced. This new coating smells no stronger than standard house paint, is formulated with urethane chemistry for strength, and includes a biocide package to minimize the growth of mold and fungus on the surface of the coating.

2018



Garland is recertified under the ISO 9001:2015 standard.

2018



Garland is named a 2018 Medical Mutual Pillar Award for Community Service Honoree for its contributions to various regional and national non-profit organizations through its annual Spirit Week tradition.

2019



For the eighth consecutive year, Garland is named a Top Workplace by The Plain Dealer, an award that is based on surveys about the workplace completed by employees.

2019



Garland introduces LiquiTec™, a tough, virtually odorless, easy-to-apply fluid-applied restoration membrane for aged roofs.

2019



Garland improves its White-Stallion®/White-Stallion® Plus fluid-applied system, infusing it with “moisture triggered” technology to provide a faster cure and improved strength and durability.

2019



Garland receives the NorthCoast 99 award for the twentieth consecutive year as one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio.

2020



Garland celebrates its 125th anniversary.

2020



Garland launches its Defense Force™ line of products aimed at protecting the interior and exterior health of buildings amid the coronavirus pandemic. The new product line includes Clear-Shield™, a clear acrylic water-based roof coating, Clean-Shield™, an environmentally friendly masonry cleaner, and D7™, an EPA-registered antimicrobial disinfectant for interior and exterior use.

2020



Garland receives the NorthCoast 99 award for the twenty-first consecutive year as one of the best places to work in Northeast Ohio.

2020



Garland is recognized for the ninth consecutive year as one of Northeast Ohio's Top Workplaces by Cleveland's Plain Dealer based on surveys about the workplace completed by their employees.

2020



Garland is recognized as one of Inc. magazine's Inc. 5000, a competition that evaluates companies across the entire United States in terms of revenue growth.

2020



Green-Lock® Plus Membrane Adhesive and Green-Lock Plus Flashing Adhesive are launched and include an asphalt-free formula that lowers the overall carbon footprint or environmental impact of roofing assemblies.

2020



Garland introduces Night-Lock™ night tie-in foam sealant.

2021



Garland receives the NorthCoast 99 award for the twenty-second consecutive year as one of the best places to work in northeast Ohio.

2021



Garland introduces its Functional Urban and Natural (F.U.N.) Roof Design Program to transform unused roof real estate into beautiful spaces for entertaining.

2021



Garland is recognized for the tenth consecutive year as one of northeast Ohio's Top Workplaces by Cleveland's Plain Dealer based on employee surveys.

2021



Garland takes trade shows on the road with its "Garland on the Move" socially distanced events to offer customers a safe way to interact with their local Garland representatives.

2021



Garland is included in Inc. magazine's Inc. 5000 list of the country's fastest growing companies.

2021



Terra Seal® self-adhering underlayment for clay or concrete tile is introduced.

2021



SA Base IV, a self-adhered base sheet for use with the StressPly IV torch-applied roof system, is introduced.