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TIPPMANN GROUP
COLD STORAGE EXCELLENCE

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Tippmann Group Celebrates

50 Years of Cold Storage Excellence in 2018

(Fort Wayne, IN) – When John Tippmann Sr. founded Tippmann Construction in 1968 and started his first construction project, he did not anticipate growing into one of the largest family-owned cold storage and construction companies in the United States. Fifty years later, Tippmann Group has grown and evolved into just that with Tippmann Construction, Interstate Warehousing and Tippmann Properties.

Tippmann Group is proud of its reputation as refrigeration pioneers, design/build specialists, and leaders in warehousing and distribution.

- Refrigeration pioneers - Tippmann Group is an industry-leading, family-owned company with a long and storied history of introducing new ideas and inventions that have changed the cold storage industry for the better.
- Design/build specialists - Tippmann Construction has a well-established reputation for designing, building, expanding and renovating cold storage distribution and processing facilities.
- Warehousing and distribution leaders - Interstate Warehousing is nationally-renowned for its expertise in 3rd party warehousing and distribution services that are customized to address each customer's individual supply chain needs.



Throughout its first 50 years of business, Tippmann Group has built more than 17 million square feet of temperature controlled warehousing and processing facilities, while owning more than 100 million cubic feet of cold storage warehouse space at its Interstate Warehousing facilities throughout the United States.

“When my father started this business 50 years ago, he wanted to be sure that he kept the customers’ needs first,” said John Tippmann, Jr., President of Tippmann Group. “2018 is no different. We continue to remain focused on the customer because they are the reason we are still here today.”

Tippmann Group has always led the way with new and exciting improvements to the cold storage industry, like the QFR Zone®, a more energy and labor efficient solution to blast freezing needs. Tippmann Group recently installed its 10,000th QFR Zone® pallet position in early 2018. The QTR Zone®, which uses the same technology to improve airflow is a more recent development which improves the thawing process for our customers with tempering needs.

A brief timeline of the Tippmann Group can be found on the following page.



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TIPPMANN GROUP TIMELINE

- 1959 – John Tippmann, Sr. begins working for his father at Tippmann Engineering (age 17)
- 1968 – Tippmann Construction is founded by John Sr.
- 1972 – John Sr. co-founds Interstate Cold Storage; first facility is located in Fort Wayne, IN
- 1982 – Tippmann Properties is founded by John Sr.
- 1984 – John Sr. begins operating cold storage facilities under the name Interstate Warehousing
- 1989 – Phase 1 of Interstate Warehousing – Joliet, IL facility built (expanded in 1990, 2003, 2012)
- 1990 – “Tippmann Group” name is first used to create a single corporate identity for the separate, but related companies
- 1992 – Chuck Tippmann takes over as President of Tippmann Group when John Tippmann Sr. handed over the leadership of the company
- 1994 – Phase 1 of Interstate Warehousing – Hamilton, OH facility built (expanded in 1997, 2000, 2011)
- 1995 – Phase 1 of Interstate Warehousing – Denver, CO facility built (expanded 1997, 2000)
- 1998 – Phase 1 of Interstate Warehousing – Newport News, VA facility built (expanded 2003, 2006)
- 2005 – Phase 1 of Interstate Warehousing – Franklin, IN facility built (expanded 2008, 2010, 2012, 2015)
- 2006 – Phase 1 of Interstate Warehousing – Murfreesboro, TN facility built (expanded 2011, 2015)
- 2006 – Developed QFR Zone® in-rack freezing system at our Interstate Warehousing facility in Newport News, VA
- 2009 – First QFR Zone® (Quick Freeze Racking Zone) Blast Freezing Alternative System installed
- 2013 – John Tippmann Jr. takes over as President of Tippmann Group when Chuck Tippmann retires
- 2017 – First QTR Zone® (Quick Thaw Racking Zone) Thawing System installed
- 2018 – Phase 1 of Interstate Warehousing – Anderson, IN facility under construction
- 2018 – Installation of 10,000th QFR Zone® pallet position