

Made with Care: Nabell USA's 25 Years of Craftsmanship in Stanly County

Founded in 1998 as a subsidiary of the Japan-based Nabell Corporation, Nabell USA could have chosen any location in the United States. However, they chose Stanly County, drawn by the community's potential and the strength of its workforce. Since then, the company has expanded twice, most recently in 2020 when it added a machine and fabrication shop with metal and plastic, machining and forming capabilities.

Nabell's products may not be well known to the average person, but their applications are found in a wide range of industries. Bellows are protective components used in everything from accordions to aerospace equipment.

What makes Nabell unique is its focus on craftsmanship. Every product is handmade, from lamination to folding. Even more impressive is the fact that Nabell has the capability to produce just about every type of bellows that exist. Their high level of precision requires a diverse and highly skilled team. Employees are trained in the metric system and reach millimeter-level accuracy in their work.

Finding people who enjoy working with their hands can be a challenge, but when Nabell finds the right employees, they stay. Of the company's 33 employees, all have been with the company for between five to twenty-five years. According to company president Don Stewart, "When we find employees that are dedicated and put their heart and soul into it, I have found no better workers than in Stanly County."

Quality is at the center of everything Nabell does. Each bellows must pass through three layers of inspection before it leaves the facility. As a result, the company has not had a single manufacturing defect returned in over 20 years. Stewart explains it simply: "Errors are fixed internally. Mistakes are when it gets to the customer. And we choose not to make Mistakes."

While recent supply chain issues and tariffs have posed challenges, Nabell has adapted by building new supplier relationships in the U.S. and abroad. These shifts have even created opportunities, with new companies reaching out to sell to or buy from Nabell.

In addition to manufacturing bellows, Nabell is now advertising its machine and fabrication shop for outside projects. This shop includes a laser for metal cutting, press brake, 3d printing and more. So, whether it is a one-time part or a help designing and manufacturing a specialty component, their skilled team is ready to help.

Nabell USA's success is a reminder of the value of craftsmanship, consistency, and community. For over 27 years, the

