



STATE WATER HEATERS EMPLOYEES ARE "BUILT TO LAST" - JUST LIKE THEIR PRODUCTS



A total of 19 State Water Heaters employees celebrated 40 or more years of service to the company at the end of 2006, proving the durability of State Water Heaters starts with its long-lasting, tough employees.

These employees perform many different jobs and have held a variety of titles, including production supervisor, security manager, material handler, plant engineer, quality engineer, truck switcher, welder, die setter and others.

State was founded in 1946 as State Stove and Manufacturing Company. In the past 40 years, the following are some recent State brand milestones:

- 1979 - A major innovation in water heater technology - State is granted U.S. patents for their SandBlaster® commercial water heater design. The Sandblaster has a built-in feature to reduce the sediment and scale in the tank. This feature was later added to State's finest residential product family and was known as the Turbo Coil. During this year, State's employee base increased to 1,800 employees.

- 1979 - State is the first to line the space between the tank and the jacket with foam insulation.
- 1996 - State is the world's largest water heater manufacturer with over 2,900 employees and average daily production of over 10,000 units.
- 1996 - State introduces a complete new product line that includes the Premier™ and Select™ models. All State Water Heaters are now equipped with a new Everlast™ PEX polymer dip tube.
- 1996 - State celebrates its milestone 50-year anniversary.
- 1997 - State's Ashland City location receives ISO 9001 certification.
- 2001 - State Industries is acquired by A. O. Smith Corporation.

"We are proud to honor the employees who have served us for such a long time," says Jeff Storie, State Water Heaters brand manager. "Our products reflect the determination of our employees to build durable products that are long-lasting."

ABOUT STATE WATER HEATERS:

For more than 60 years, State Water Heaters has built dependable, long-lasting water heaters for commercial and residential applications. State remains focused on manufacturing durable products that last longer. For more information, visit www.statewaterheaters.com.

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