

Building Capacity, Improving the Process

From time to time, business and industry experience dramatic ebbs and flows due to unforeseen market forces. Few market cycles, however, have been as challenging to the waterworks sector as those of the last 24 months. We recognize that almost all products in the waterworks industry are facing shortages and long lead times as a consequence of out-sized demand and over taxed supply chain. The Ford Meter Box Company has not been immune to these challenges, and we regret the inconvenience this has caused our customers. Please rest assured we are working diligently and are looking forward to providing our customers the level of service they have come to expect.

We are working closely with our vendors to secure required components that are difficult to obtain and if necessary, partnering with new vendors to supplement the demand issues.

Our assembly departments are working increased overtime to help decrease backlog. Our foundry is also working additional overtime to increase overall production for the assembly departments. A second shift has been implemented in our Pell City, Alabama facility. With our long-standing history and reputation, we have been fortunate in growing and enhancing our team by adding new staff in a variety of departments.

To improve production capacity, we have recently upgraded several machines, while our foundry has seen an influx of new equipment over the last few months. A high-speed automatic molding machine, heavy casting manual molding machine, automated core machine, and CNC mills have all been newly installed. These additions have helped increase mold making capacity using brand new technology.

Earlier this year, we received our second molding machine, with a third ready to install to replace our (older) Harrison by the end of the year. Also, two new coreless, water-cooled induction furnaces with 'auto-pour' have been ordered and are set to be installed by the end of the year to increase melt capacity and foundry output. Additionally, five new high-speed CNC centers have been ordered to further support the foundry.

We are working hard to support your waterworks needs. The Ford Meter Box Company takes pride in providing the highest quality products and service with the best possible delivery. Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate your patience as we all navigate these challenging circumstances.



Installation of automated molding equipment

