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1994 ushered in a new era of innovative products for Ford Meter Box with the acquisition of the Uni-Flange® Corporation. In 1976, the Uni-Flange adapter flange was invented by Mr. Charles W. Roche as he researched a solution to convert plain end pipe to flanged end pipe without threading or field welding. Later that year, the Uni-Flange Corporation was founded by NAPPCO, Inc. and became a significant player in the pipe fittings market. They specialized in designing and producing flanged fittings and were valued for their reliability and performance, making them a strong competitor in the market.

The strategic decision to purchase Uni-Flange was driven by the desire for market expansion in Ford's line of pipe products which was being produced in Pell City, Alabama. By acquiring Uni-Flange, Ford aimed to expand its product portfolio by incorporating Uni-Flange's expertise in flanged fittings and offering a line of joint restraint products. This broadened the company's ability to provide a comprehensive restraint solution to customers.

With 30 years of robust sales, Ford has millions of secure installations. As we mark this anniversary milestone, we're excited to expand the Uni-Flange product line with new types and sizes to better serve our customers. Earlier this year, we released an all-stainless steel UFR1300 family of restraints for added corrosion resistance. For more details on our flanges, joint restraints, or new stainless steel restraints, contact your local Ford distributor or visit us at www.fordmeterbox.com



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