



E.D. Bullard Company Profile

E.D. Bullard is an internationally-known manufacturer of high quality personal protective equipment and systems designed to save lives. Serving workers in the industrial, fire service and law enforcement markets, Bullard is a leader in manufacturing thermal imaging devices, hard hats, firefighter and rescue helmets, supplied air respirators, powered air-purifying respirators, and air quality equipment.

Bullard has remained a manufacturing leader in its markets for more than 110 years. The Company has maintained its competitive edge through advanced engineering technology, adopting the principles of 'lean' manufacturing and offering value-added services. In addition, Bullard utilizes cross-functional teams to develop the most sophisticated, technologically-advanced products designed with worker safety in mind.

Founded in 1898 by Edward Dickinson Bullard, the company was originally headquartered in San Francisco and supplied carbide lamps for the mining industry. Edward Bullard's son, E.W. Bullard, is credited with the invention of the modern hard hat in 1919 for miners to use as protective headgear. This first Bullard hard hat was the beginning of the company's prominence as an industry leader in head protection. Today, Bullard manufactures a series of hard hats that have revolutionized the industry with superior performance, unmatched quality and durability, and added comfort.

In 1930, Bullard entered the fire service market with the introduction of its first fire helmet. Since then, Bullard has led the market in product safety with the development of the first fiberglass fire helmet in 1947, followed by the first NFPA-approved thermoplastic fire helmet in 1983, and in 1986 the company developed the first ratchet headband used in a fire helmet.

Worker safety is always paramount when designing Bullard products, so it was no surprise when Bullard became involved with the safety issues of workers constructing California's Golden Gate Bridge in the 1930s. In addition to providing hard hats for the entire bridge workforce, Bullard provided the original supplied air respirators to the sandblasters who were blasting the rust off the bridge's steelwork. Today, Bullard is a leader in respiratory protection equipment offering powered-air respirators, airline respirators, pressure demand systems, breathing air filters and monitors, plus a full range of breathing air pumps and compressors.

In 1998, Bullard introduced its first Thermal Imager and today is the industry leader in thermal imaging technology for the fire service. Supplying thermal imagers and a full complement of product accessories to both fire and law enforcement agencies, Bullard is changing the way firefighters and law enforcement officers approach their jobs.

Since 1994, Bullard has maintained ISO 9001 Certification, signifying the Company's ongoing commitment to rigorous quality standards throughout its operation. Bullard is an environmentally friendly company and a member of the prestigious Kentucky Excellence in Environmental Leadership program. The Bullard "Green Team" was formed in 2007 to guide, document and improve the Company's environmental efforts. The Green Team has implemented recycling, consumption and waste reduction measures and energy saving devices and processes at the Company.

Headquartered in Cynthiana, Kentucky, Bullard is a fifth generation family-owned company led by its Chairman of the Board, Edward "Jed" Bullard and President and COO Eric Pasch. The Company's products are available throughout the world from a network of distributors operating in most major country markets. Bullard maintains sales offices in Europe and Asia-Pacific in addition to its headquarters in Cynthiana, Kentucky, USA.



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