

Welcome to Welker Wanderings Quarterly Newsletter!



In this issue:

Forty years under current ownership
Product Spotlight: Welker Expanding Pin
Welker's sister company - Columbia Industrial Products

Celebrating 40 Years!

On September 1st, Welker celebrated forty years under current ownership. Here's a short message from Welker's President Dale Van Wulfen.

*Looking back...the years go by quickly...
Forty years ago the Welker Machinery & Bearing
Co. no longer sold machinery, existing as a six
person Oilite distributor in a 3500 sq. ft.
warehouse adjoining the Welker family's primary
business. Our Van Wulfen family business
installed plating equipment, but that industry was
changing. And so we bought Welker, preserving
the company name.*

*In the first year we dropped a fastener line, to
focus on plane bearings. We added the Rulon
line of PTFE products. Within a few years we
bought our first CNC lathe (at a cost more than double what I paid for my home) to
produce close tolerance machined bronze bearings. Over time Welker developed bonded
construction gibs, PTFE lined bearings, and various other plane bearing products. CIP
bearings are made from material produced by a sister company we formed in Oregon.
Aside from Welker's industrial applications, that product has marine and hydroelectric
approvals and uses.*



*Today Welker has six CNC lathes, seven horizontal and five vertical mills generating the
components of our broad array of automation products. Our Engineering Department has
a well-deserved reputation for innovation, solving complex challenges without Rube
Goldberg devices. As president, I am proud of the team we have built at Welker. We are*

when you succeed can Welker benefit from our relationship. Thank you for your continued support.

Dale Van Wulfen

Product Spotlight: Welker's new Expanding Pin

When presented with an application challenge from a major Midwest agricultural manufacturer, Welker went right to work to create a solution. The problem: how to accurately and repeatably locate critical parts using gage holes having a +/- 0.25mm tolerance.



The solution: Welker's new expanding pin. The Welker expanding pin has 2 - 4 fingers that expand to center and locate loosely toleranced holes or tubes. The fingers expand between 1 to 3mm depending upon diameter. This enables ease of loading and unloading while providing the desired accuracy for geometry setting of welded assemblies.

Contact Welker for additional application assistance with our Expanding Pins. Check out our product videos by clicking on the Expanding Pin image.

Columbia Industrial Products

Columbia Industrial Products, a sister company of Welker Engineered Products established in 1998, is located in Eugene, OR. Columbia manufactures high quality, self-lubricated laminate composite bearing materials for a wide range of industrial applications. CIP materials have achieved highly valued approvals for use in Hydroelectric (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), Marine (American Bureau of Shipping), as well as the Oil & Gas industry. CIP Composites have exceptional physical and mechanical properties as well as dimensional stability in liquid. Ideal for high load and shock load applications, CIP offers an environmentally friendly solution that reduces or eliminates the need for subsequent grease lubrication. Contact Welker for more information.



[Subscribe](#)

[Share](#) ▼

[Past Issues](#)

[Translate](#) ▼



[forward to a friend](#)

Copyright © 2012 Welker Engineered Products, All rights reserved.



[unsubscribe from this list](#) | [update subscription preferences](#)