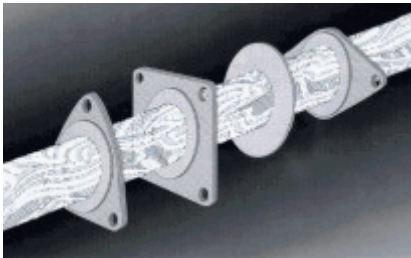


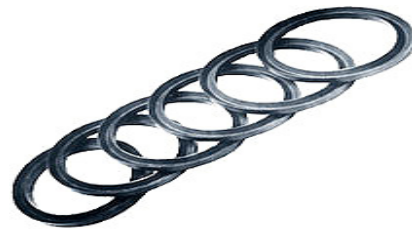
LEED COUNCIL FOCUSES ON A MEMBER: CHICAGO GASKET COMPANY

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Chicago Gasket Company has been owned and operated by the same family in the same location at North Avenue and Throop Street in the Elston Corridor Planned Manufacturing District for almost 60 years. The company first started out in 1947 in the basement of an old brewery located on North Avenue with one press and one operator. In 1949 the company was purchased by Robert and Evelyn Martin. Eventually the company used six stories in that hundred year old building. On New Years Eve one year there was a fire that threatened disaster for the company, but the fire was put out and the company survived. The owner of the building wanted to build a modern building next door at 1285 W. North Avenue and asked Chicago Gasket Company if they would like to relocate there and, in fact, design the building. Construction was done in 1970 and an addition was added in 1982. The location has benefited the company's employees who live in every direction up to 30 miles away and can use public transportation and the expressway to get to work.

Mr. Martin was one of the pioneers in the PTFE (Teflon) industry, making gaskets and seals. Eberhard Kohl, the founders' son in law, joined the company in 1971 and saw sales and the number of employees increase when, in addition to the extruders, lathes, presses and screw machines, molding presses and CNC machines were added. The third generation has also been active in the company for the past ten years. Chicago Gasket Company is able to take the raw material (a powder or resin) and mold and machine it into hundreds of different standard and custom parts for the chemical, pharmaceutical, dairy and valve industries from one millimeter to 84 inches in diameter such as o-rings, v-rings, valve disks, gaskets, soot sets and many intricate parts.



Chicago Gasket has been a member of the LEED Council for over 17 years and has used our employment service as well as participating in planning, land use and infrastructure meetings and functions over the years.

Thank you Chicago Gasket Company for your support over the many years!