

A Period of Survival and Discovery

A dedicated and determined Dr. Stauf turned his kitchen into a laboratory and continued his experiments after World War II. He was confident he could develop a technique for producing a cold-application glue from synthetic raw materials, eliminate the commonly required heating of adhesives, and limit the issues around volatile organic compounds (VOC's) typically used as the base for flooring adhesives. His research resulted in the first ever application in which the essential "sticky" elements of flooring adhesives could be dispersed in water. Stauf Adhesives ceased production of hide glue and focused exclusively on the new "dispersion" adhesives.

Dr. Stauf's first such adhesive was introduced in 1952. It was enthusiastically received by the industry and created an entirely new market for construction adhesives. When Helmut Stauf joined the family business a decade later, he refined the product line and expanded it internationally. The next three decades were a time of tremendous growth and expansion for the company.

As Stauf Adhesives approached the 21st Century, it continued this path of growth and development with new polymer products and a new state-of-the-art research and production facility.

Then, in June 2002, Wolfgang Stauf, the family's sixth generation president, accepted another challenge and entered the US market. He led the company as they adapted their innovative German quality and technology to the demands of the American market while continuing to provide world-class products, logistics and technical support to all of their customers. Stauf USA thus becomes the latest in a long Stauf history of innovation, growth, quality products, hard work and success.

