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Acme Insider



The Acme Way

The Acme Way is an exciting new initiative based on 24 critical behaviors/fundamentals that ensure our company's culture will carry on Bob Cohen's entrepreneurial vision for years to come. We are partnering with CultureWise, who is helping us take the good things we're already doing to the next level.

Company Picnic - See page 2



New HVAC System - See page 6



Fundamental #1

Have a passion for safety.

Don't allow anything to come before safety. No box and no customer is more important than safety. Watch out for the safety of your teammates as well because we're all part of the Acme Corrugated family. Never take shortcuts that compromise your safety or that of your teammates.



Bringing Value Through...

Authentic Customer Engagement.

At Acme, we don't just offer packaging; we create personalized solutions tailored to your business needs. Our excellent customer service reflects our genuine care. You can expect support from the Acme team every step of the way.



Acme Updates

Working hard, giving back, and some fun along the way.



Cristo Rey Partnership

Students from Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School stopped by to present as part of their work-study program. Since 2014 we've been a partner and absolutely love having the students in to share their work and learn more about Acme!





Orleans Technical College & Rutgers School of Engineering

In May Acme hosted students from both schools to tour the plant, talk with our owner, Bob Cohen, and participate in a Q&A to learn more about manufacturing and a career with Acme. These students have some bright futures ahead.

Learn More







The Acme Fam

Our team loves any chance to come together. We enjoy working side-by-side and believe it's this compassion for each other that bleeds into the way we serve our customers. A company picnic, take your kid to work day, and flannel Friday are just a few events we celebrated together this past quarter.



HAPPY RETIREMENT, TOM!

This past May, we thanked Tom Beynon, our 1st shift Corrugator Supervisor, for his dedication to Acme over the last 23 years. He's planning to spend as much time as possible on the golf course and we could not be more excited for him.

Cheers to you, Tom!



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Sustainability Focus

Our holistic approach to a healthier Earth, improved work environments, and fostering teamwork.

Acme prides itself on authentic customer engagement so when we became aware that customers were interested in learning more about Acme's sustainability practices, we established a team to prioritize launching a multi-pronged effort.



Many people view sustainability practices as solely an environmental effort but sustainability reflects a broad approach with an eye toward balance between economic, environmental and labor practices in a more holistic way. Jeff Bittner, Acme's Technical Sales Representative, is leading the team to break down sustainability in more specific terms by developing an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Mission Statement to tackle issues in a more focused way over the next few years.

Toward that end, the team, which meets bi-weekly, began by researching external resources for support. We are happy to report a new partnership with EcoVadis to move the program forward.

Learning more about ESG provided a roadmap that Bittner says encompasses many factors:

- Treatment of employees
- Employee health and safety
- Responsible use of resources
- Waste management
- Emissions
- Carbon neutrality



The team is already working across departments to gather baseline data: gauging utility use/trends (Finance) as well as basic company practices set forth by their Code of Conduct and safety performance (HR and Safety). Bittner says they've also clarified yearly waste reduction goals for Acme.

Acme already holds certifications for its corrugated box solutions: <u>AIB</u> certification (food safety) and <u>FSC</u> certification, which assures customers that they are purchasing products sourced from forests managed in an environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable manner through audits and assessments by independent third parties. Although corrugated is among the most recycled materials in the world, Bittner notes that the differences between post-consumer (paper materials that have been used then discarded by consumers) and post-industrial materials (paper materials generated during manufacturing) are considered carefully as they move toward processes for the most efficient and responsible use of resources.

"SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS THE DEVELOPMENT THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS."

- GRO HARLEM BRUNDTLAND CHAIR OF THE WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Acme's hope is that through making conscious choices in the way we do business, consume materials, and care for our employees and customers, we will make a positive impact. Our goals won't be accomplished overnight, but we are really excited about the initiatives already in place for the new, more holistic program that's yet to come.

Stay up to date about our sustainability efforts on our website and through blog updates.

Facility Upgrades

2025 FALCON

Acme Corrugated Box is doing it again, with plans underway to install a second <u>Falcon FP50</u> Flexo Folder Gluer converting line in Spring of 2025 as part of its continued facility expansion.

Constantly innovating and adding the most state-of-the-art equipment, Acme <u>purchased its</u> <u>first Falcon FP50</u> in 2023. According to Ryan Stashko, Acme's Project & Manufacturing Services Manager, this first installation was "such a good experience," the result of phenomenal planning and comprehensive training from the manufacturer, making it an easy decision to implement the second Falcon.





3X THE Productivity

Converting sheets into boxes, the Falcon allows for precision printing of intricate designs coupled with high-speed capabilities that help Acme Corrugated Box increase productivity while meeting tight deadlines. This translates into much faster customer order turnaround times a win-win.

The 3rd shift Falcon crew set a record recently running 133k boxes and 1.1MMSF in 8 hours. That's 7.5 truckloads! Compared to the older equipment, it's doing about 3x the productivity. This makes adding another Falcon a smart decision!

Read more here!

Continuous Improvement

Acme continues its investments in new equipment to increase productivity as well as continuously improving our facilities for the Acme Team!



New HVAC System

New HVAC Equipment at East End of Plant

Acme recently completed the installation of new HVAC equipment, just in time for the heat of summer! The plant will now experience increased air flow and reduced negative air pressure thanks to 15 new exhaust fans and 4 new makeup air units in notoriously hot areas of the plant.

Parking Lot Re-pavement Completed

Our parking lot needed a refresh and we are so excited to announce that it's complete! Employees and delivery drivers will now experience a much smoother drive into our facility.

"High Bay" LED Lighting

Part of Acme's recent building expansion included LED "high bay" lighting in the new part of the plant. This brought to "light" the contrast between the new lighting vs the existing lighting elsewhere in the plant. This prompted us to move forward with upgrading all plant lighting to match the new part of the building. This upgrade project was completed in March of 2024 as part of our ongoing postexpansion improvements.

New DRA Palletizer on our Existing Bobst 1228 FFG

We are continuously investing in equipment to increase throughput capabilities so we can meet and exceed our customers' needs.

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHT

BLOG POST HIGHLIGHTING OUR D-FLUTE LINE

Acme Corrugated Box's cutting-edge D Flute Products are sturdy, yet lightweight and fold easily. In addition, their smooth surface makes printing a breeze.

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CRAFTING DURABILITY

BLOG POST HIGHLIGHTING OUR PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES

We understand the packaging needs of our customers are as diverse as the products they represent. Our tailored packaging solutions are made possible through our cutting-edge production capabilities.



Coming Soon!

In conjunction with our Fundamental #1 - **Have a passion for safety**, we will be publishing a blog about "Keeping our Team Safe".

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We are here to help.

Reach out to the friendly Acme Corrugated Team anytime!

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