



The company was founded by Bob and Marcia Goltermann as Knobs, Inc. The main products are control knobs provided to the cooking and appliance manufacturers.

1964

Carl Goltermann joins the company as President. Knobs, Inc. establishes itself as the premier plastic supplier to the range & laundry manufacturers in the US.

1975

Company moves to its current building in Berkeley, IL.

1982

The company changes its name to KI Industries, Inc. and incorporates in Illinois.

1987

KI expands its geographic operational footprint to include a chrome plating operation in China, where it produces chrome components for the major appliance and faucet markets.

1988

KI purchases the assets of a competitor, Resol Manufacturing, increases its presence in the U.S. appliance market.

1996

KI opens a plant in Queretaro, Mexico to support the increasing production requirements of the major appliance industry in Mexico.

1999

KI enters the automotive market with production of a 2 shot window lift button that is painted and laser etched. Part is utilized on every Honda Accord, Odyssey and Ridgeline built worldwide.

2001

The Queretaro plant footprint is expanded, and the company makes a significant investment in an automatic paint line.

2007

KI establishes China office to support Asia manufacturing operations.

2011

A second manufacturing facility is opened in Mexico, specializing in gas assist molding and painting of large parts for interior automotive trim.

2013

KI Europe sales office is established.

2016

Expansion to original Queretaro plant; added automotive assembly line and second paint line.