



In 2001, Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company celebrates 100 years as a pioneer and market leader in the pneumatic tool industry. When the company incorporated a century ago, pneumatic tools were a revolutionary new technology. J.W. Duntley, an ambitious foreman in a Milwaukee foundry, recognized the potential in these tools and set out to pursue his American dream.

With keen intellect and little money, he partnered with young steel tycoon Charles Schwab to manufacture and market air tools under the Chicago Pneumatic name. At this time, most manufacturers specialized in creating only one type of tool. Duntley realized that if Chicago Pneumatic could manufacture and sell a complete line of pneumatic tools, it could provide superior service. In a sense, he had the vision for one-stop shopping for the pneumatic tool industry long before it became the norm.

He did not realize his company would have such an impact on the world. As the industry's most experienced manufacturer, Chicago Pneumatic has developed tools that helped build and maintain some of the world's most recognizable landmarks. CP impact wrenches and riveting hammers were used to construct such icons and engineering marvels as the Empire State Building and the Golden Gate Bridge. The company's concrete vibrators were partially responsible for the construction of the Hoover Dam, one of America's Seven Modern Civil Engineering Wonders.

When the United States found itself embroiled in World War II, CP produced the tools necessary to fabricate, assemble and maintain the nation's military equipment. And in addition to helping the nation's defense, one Chicago Pneumatic tool became part of an icon that symbolizes American character and courage. In the legendary painting "Rosie the Riveter", by Norman Rockwell, the famous factory worker eats her lunch with a CP riveting hammer lying on her lap.

Chicago Pneumatic continued to expand its global business as the century progressed, and even began making its mark on space travel. During the late 1960's and early 1970's, the United States sent men into space and explored the moon in the Apollo space program. What is arguably the most technologically advanced organization in the world depended on Chicago Pneumatic tools for the safety of its astronauts. NASA used Chicago Pneumatic's air motors in the Apollo space capsules, employing them to rotate the capsules upon their return to earth, ensuring that the exit hatches faced up and out of the sea, making exit safe for the astronauts.

J.W. Duntley signed the incorporation papers for Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company in New Jersey in December 1901. One hundred years ago, he could not have known that the tools his company crafted would help build at least four of the Top Ten Construction Achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Nevertheless, perhaps he did realize, all those years ago, that the brand he built and the commitment to quality he instilled would make CP tools the first choice of generations of people around the world.