

# History

In 1942 in the small community of Sulphur, Louisiana, Alma Como used his hands and carpentry tools to meticulously build a wooden form in which he would eventually pour concrete. The finished product would be a rough but functional set of concrete steps to replace the decaying wooden steps in which he had fallen through several days before. Mr. Como's neighbors, admiring his achievement, asked if he would cast a concrete step in the same mold to replace the rotting steps at their homes. Soon Mr. Como's wood mold stayed full of concrete on a daily basis as the word spread about his precast concrete steps. This may have been considered a simple vision



put into motion by using simple carpentry tools and talent with the exception that Mr. Como had no vision at all. Having been blind for almost ten years, little did Mr. Como realize when he made that first wooden mold using only the touch in his hands, he had begun what would eventually become what is known as the Century Group Inc., the leading manufacturer of precast concrete steps, concrete railroad grade crossings, railroad spill collection systems and other precast concrete products in North America. From that fateful moment in 1942, the owners have constantly maintained its reputation for innovation, quality and superior customer service.



For the first 30 years, the Century Group Inc. manufactured precast concrete steps for the home building market. With an aggressive business plan, Century set up seven manufacturing locations that serviced over 2,000 home building material dealers in 27 states. In the mid 1960's the Century Group diversified by entering the railroad construction and maintenance market providing services to railroad and private industry along the Louisiana/Texas gulf coast.



In the late 70's the Century Group established a general precast division which manufactures precast concrete products servicing State DOT's, municipalities, military facilities, heavy industry, ports and harbors and general contractors. The precast concrete products manufactured by Century range from wall panels, catch basins and wiers to stair treads, pipeline weights and pipeline supports.



Using its vast railroad construction background and its innovative spirit, the Century Group Inc. became the first company to successfully develop and market a full depth concrete railroad grade crossing on a nationwide basis in the 1980's. Century continued its product development during the early 1990's by developing a state-of-the-art precast concrete railroad spill collection system. Continually being in the forefront of the industry, Century has used its innovation to develop state-of-the-art railroad spill collection systems manufactured out of stainless steel and high-density polyethylene.



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Over the past decade Century Group Inc. has diversified by developing a line of architectural precast concrete products. This impressive list of products includes; precast concrete signs, security barriers, bollards, wall panels, communication and utility buildings and many other precast concrete products for the commercial construction industry. All Century Group products are American made and we strive to support the business communities where our manufacturing facilities are located across the U. S.



With over 59 years of experience in the precast concrete manufacturing railroad and industrial construction industry, Century has continued to be aggressive in the area of product development. Continuing its legacy of innovation and superior service, the Century Group Inc. enters the new millennium as a working partner with the architects, engineers, industry and contractors by providing innovative solutions to meet their specific project needs.

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