

# Forty years of hot ware handling solutions



A supplier of hot glass handling materials and applications for the container, tableware, and bending and tempering glass markets for 40 years, Dura Temp Corporation continues to focus on working with glassmakers worldwide to ensure that they have the necessary tools to produce high-quality, damage-free glass, reports Jennette Glowski.

USA-based Dura Temp Corporation was founded in 1983 by former O-I employees Daniel R. Stewart and Burton W. Spears, who developed a fibreglass and carbon-filled silicone composite to serve as a replacement for asbestos. It was at this time that many glass manufacturers were required to find an alternative material for hot glass handling, as asbestos was learned to be a carcinogen. Since that time, Dura Temp has added several contact materials to its product line to best serve various hot glass handling applications.

In 2007, Dura Temp was purchased by its current owners, Dave and Sherry Rollins, who have consistently grown the company and dedicated necessary resources to execute Dura Temp's strategy of international expansion and have been putting systems and processes in place to effectively support growth. In its 40 years, Dura Temp has grown from being primarily a supplier in the US to an international supplier

of hot glass handling materials in over 40 countries worldwide. Consequently, the company's customer portfolio has also diversified to include all the major glass container manufacturers as well as a significant number of independent manufacturers.

## Competitive edge

In the last four decades, Dura Temp has better defined its mission statement to emphasise the company's goals and values. It now reads 'To Be The Best Provider of Hot Ware Handling Solutions for Glassmakers Worldwide.' Dura Temp believes that it lives up to this statement by specialising exclusively in hot end handling. As such, Dura Temp's employees have become experts at what they do, and the company's resources are dedicated to finding solutions and improving ware handling in the hot end.

The company's value in the glass industry continues to grow as manufacturers increase production

with the use of high-speed IS machines and as the need for lighter-weight bottles becomes more important.

Dura Temp was one of the first companies to introduce the quick-change sweepout system, whereby drop-on style sweepout pockets could be replaced while the IS machine was still running, greatly reducing down time and increasing pack rate. Since the introduction of the quick-change sweepout system, the company has continued to offer even more innovative solutions for glassmakers.

## Quality control

Dura Temp has a full line of hot glass handling parts and materials for the container glass industry, including solutions for the sweepout and transfer areas and the Lehr bar. The company additionally offers solutions for tableware manufacturers and bending and tempering applications. Benefitting from products that reputed for their quality, Dura Temp's customers can expect to see a significant improvement in their ware handling. Clients are also supported by Dura Temp's emphasis on quality customer service.

In the last 40 years, the company has had a strong presence in the US market and has continued to expand its presence internationally. Dura Temp employs a network of agents and distributors globally that work closely with the staff at its headquarters, located in Holland, Ohio, USA, to serve its international markets.

## 40th anniversary

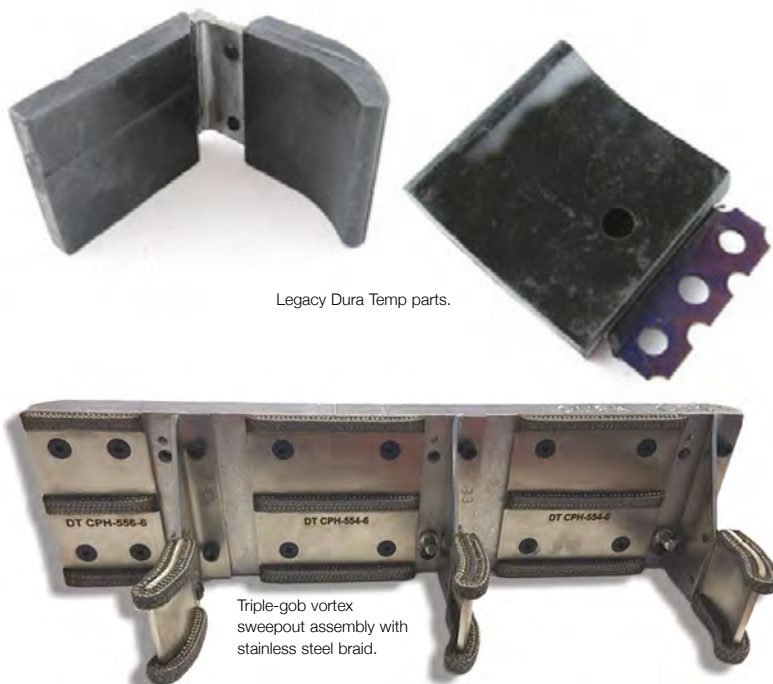
Dura Temp is very excited to be celebrating such a monumental anniversary and the opportunity to continue providing solutions for new challenges that face the glass industry. The company is very proud of the dedication its employees have shown to meeting its high standards and objectives. As a team, they continue to be committed to moving the company forward in its goal to be the best provider of hot ware handling solutions for glassmakers worldwide. ●

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