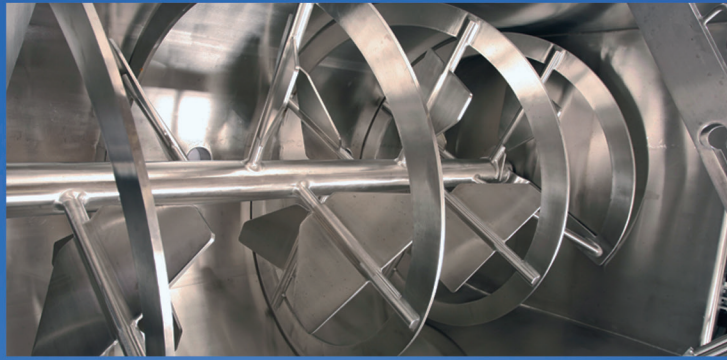


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About Apache Stainless

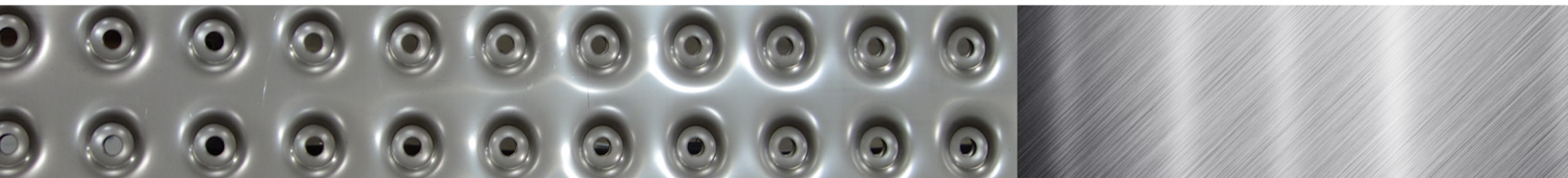
Apache Stainless Equipment Corporation is a commercial manufacturer of capital equipment for other manufacturing businesses.

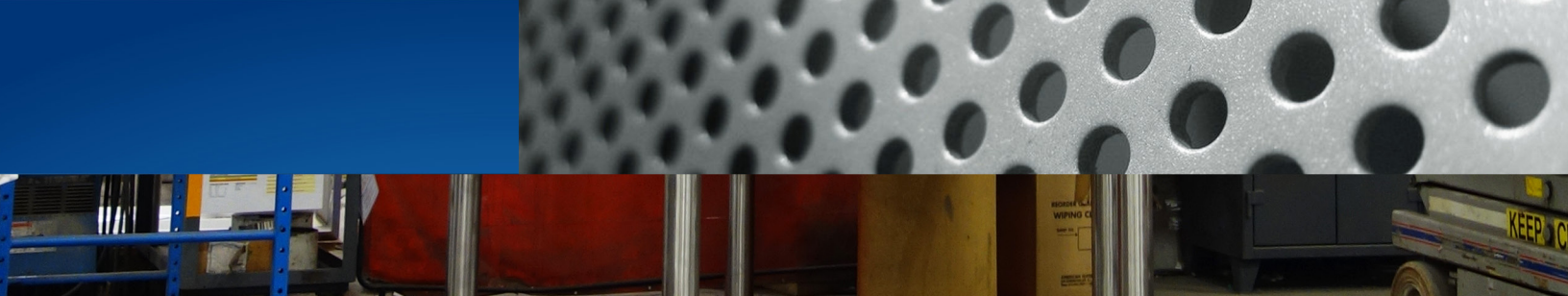
We have five synergistic product groups: Stainless ASME Tanks, Carbon Steel Tanks and Equipment, Small / Portable Vessels, Contract Manufacturing and Mepaco Food Processing Equipment.

Founded in 1975 in the growing community of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, Apache employs over 180 dedicated people who are experienced craftsmen, technicians, engineers or managers. Many of whom are cross-trained to move fluidly between fabrication processes, welding and assembly, as well as having the ability to work across different product lines, which elevates the expertise of our craftsmen and allows our production capabilities to be more agile to meet delivery schedules.

As a 100% employee-owned company, Apache's employee-owners are fully empowered to collaborate, innovate, improve processes and create efficiencies because every employee-owner knows that a positive experience for our customer affects our company in a positive way.

This is our story. In the following pages, we share our expertise, our manufacturing processes and manufacturing equipment representing all our business groups, made right in our facilities.







LARGE ASME STAINLESS TANKS

Apache's Stainless ASME Tank Group produces industrial tanks manufactured from stainless and other high alloys to exact customer specifications, with a delivery of quality, on-time completion and regulatory compliance.

Apache's semi-trailers hauling tanks are constantly seen pulling away from 200 W. Industrial Drive in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin that are headed to commercial manufacturers all across North America. Apache's tanks are found in fuel refineries, ethanol plants, chemical industries, food and beverage processing facilities, bio-technology companies, health and beauty product manufacturing plants and in water treatment facilities.

Apache's tank group produces all custom built tanks used for bulk storage, agitating processes, heating, distilling, evaporating and heat exchanging.

Our capabilities for manufacturing tanks and vessels start at one gallon and go to about a 165,000 gallon capacity...so far.





CARBON STEEL PRODUCTS & EQUIPMENT

The facility at Apache's Plover, Wisconsin location is dedicated to the manufacturing of non-sanitary vessels, carbon steel tanks and carbon steel ancillary equipment such as ladders and maintenance platforms. The separate location for carbon and stainless manufacturing prevents cross contamination between sanitary stainless material and carbon steel.

Apache's Carbon Steel tanks are found in the non-sanitary industrial facilities such as LPG propane distribution retailers, chemical processing plants, fuel and biofuel refineries.





SMALL / PORTABLE VESSELS

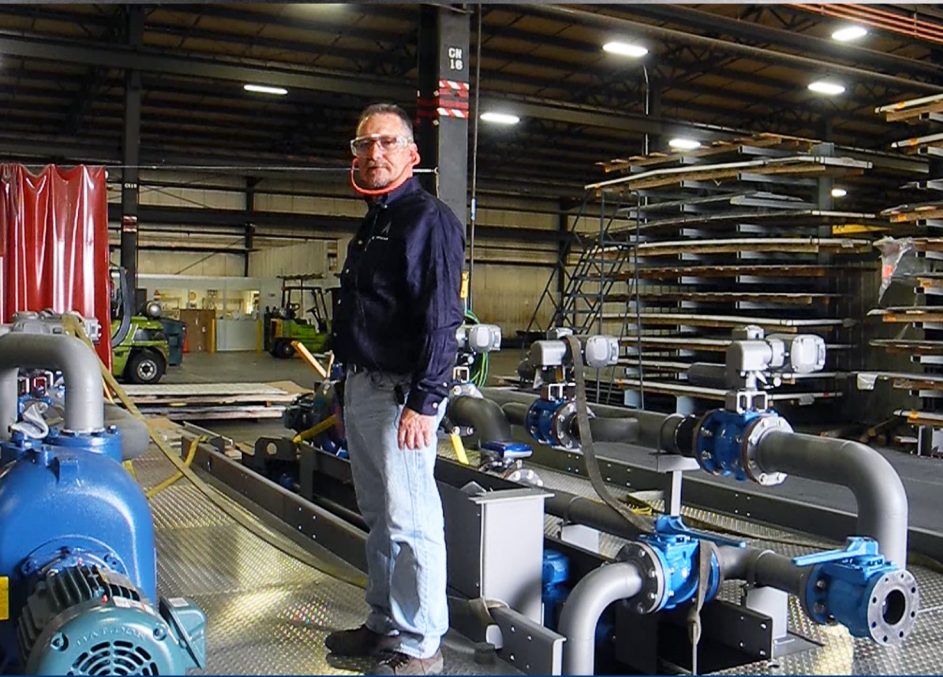
The small and portable vessel group is the fastest growing sector at Apache Stainless. We have streamlined our processes and we also have full control over passivation and electropolishing processes, with in-house capabilities.

This group produces a standard line of vessels, as well as made-to-order custom tanks, manufactured from stainless or other high alloys.

Some of the custom order tanks are one-of-a-kind. These tanks are extremely specialized for highly regulated industries like biotechnology and pharmaceutical manufacturing. It's where manufacturing technology meets craftsmanship; we call these vessels, our "artisan" tanks.







CONTRACT MANUFACTURING

Apache has extensive in-house fabrication processes and machinery that is required to make our vessels, tanks and custom equipment. The same machines and know-how is used in our contract manufacturing group to produce anything from repeatable parts, to full assemblies like platforms and walkways.

We have the fabrication machinery and expertise for punching, drilling, laser cutting and bending. We can work with material up to 3/4" thickness.

Because of our offering to our tank and vessel customers, all welded sub and full assemblies are completed by ASME certified welders, ensuring high quality welds by experienced professionals.

Apache has automated head making equipment which is also used for contract work.

And customers come to us from all over the United States for our passivation and electropolishing metal finishing services.







MEPACO FOOD PROCESSING MACHINES

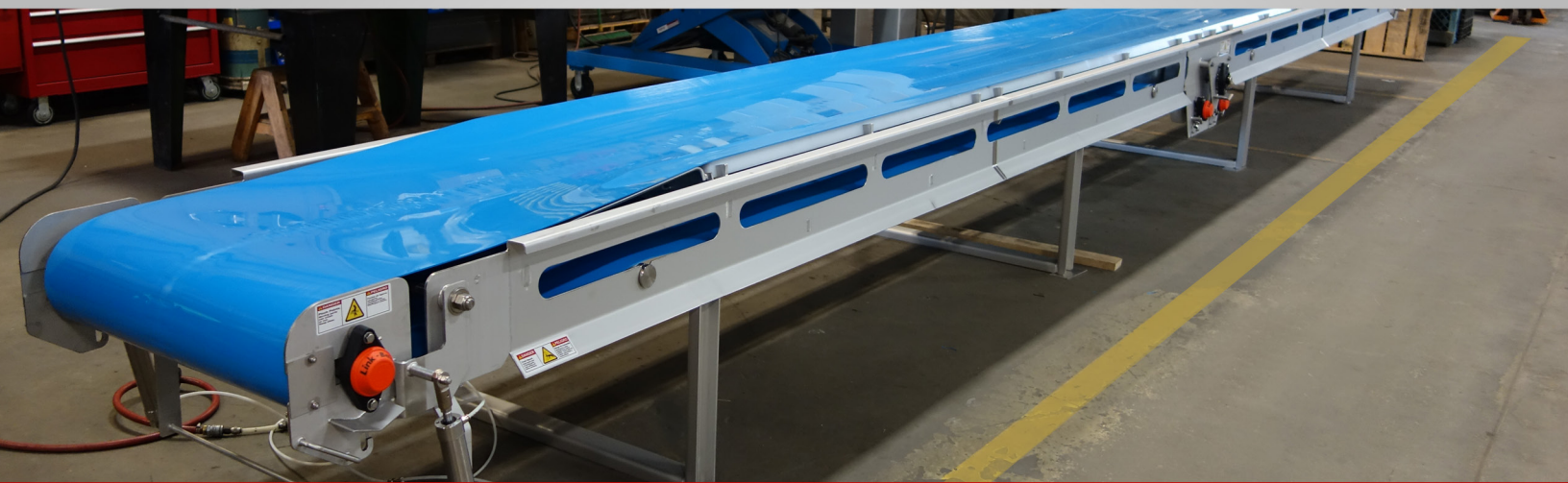
Mepaco provides sanitary design products to food manufacturing customers. Because our customers operate in heavily regulated industries, Mepaco's equipment products are engineered to be cleanable to a microbiological level, accessible for inspection and maintenance and validated for industrial cleaning and sanitizing protocols.

Founded in 1932, Apache purchased Mepaco in 1993. From the beginning, it was an excellent fit for Apache's manufacturing specialists because of our expertise in working with stainless steel.

Mepaco food processing equipment and material handling solutions are found in plants all across North America.

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Mepaco's product line includes mixer/blenders, grind/blend systems, cookers, stuffers, augers, lifts, dumpers, conveyors and material handling equipment.

The Mepaco team has also designed coordinated systems integrated with high performance equipment for small and growing processing companies as well as Fortune 500 food manufacturing corporations.

Equipment can be found as part of a manufacturing line for meat and dairy products, processed fruits and vegetables, baked goods and snacks, pet food and various types of prepared foods from soups and sauces to ground meat and processed cheese.





Why Should Customers Care that we are Employee-Owned?

Owner Accountability



We strive to do the best we can to make our customers happy because we know that's what keeps us going.
~ Matt Braker

Teamwork



It's not about punching a clock. We all have stake in everything we do and we're proud of what goes out the doors.
~ Todd Dunahoe

Safety Buy-in



Safety keeps down time to a minimum which improves on time delivery to the customer.
~ Bud Hupf

Quality



We go the extra mile to double check our projects - to do the right job - because we are proud of our products.
~ Gilbert Lopez

Customer Service



We treat customers like we would want to be treated because we know it will benefit all our tomorrows.
~ Tracey Steimsma

Common Goal



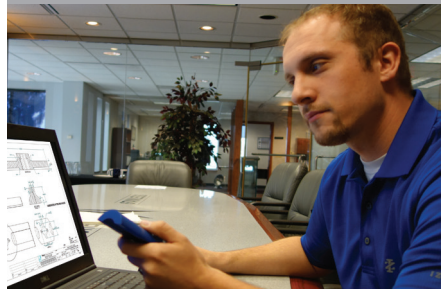
Everyone is motivated to work toward the common goal of giving our customers the highest priority.
~ Ken Wylesky

Investment in People



Employee-owners participate in career strengthening programs to deliver the best possible customer service.
~ Nick Buchda

Innovation



Every employee-owner is motivated to work together to make our products and services better for our customers.
~ Jason Gazzana

Dedication



Employee-owners are dedicated to the company by becoming experts in our work and to constantly improve.
~ Todd Syens