



# Freeman Manufacturing & Supply Company

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### **FREEMAN MFG. & SUPPLY ACQUIRES ADVANCED DIE SUPPLIES, INC.** Deal Expands The Largest Steel Rule Die Supplies Distributor In The US And Canada

AVON, Ohio— November 4, 2024—Today, Freeman Manufacturing & Supply Company announced the acquisition of Advanced Die Supplies, Inc., a company based in Santa Fe Springs, CA, forming what is now the largest distributor of specialty materials for steel rule die manufacturers and packaging converters.

Originally founded in 1950 as Barkin Leather Company, Advanced Die Supplies is a premier, California-based provider of die making and die cutting supplies used primarily in cutting corrugated and folding boxes. Other uses include cutting for medical products, rubber, abrasives, and gasket industries. For the past several decades, Advanced Die Supplies has operated from both its headquarters and satellite facilities in California and Georgia.

Freeman will immediately assume the California location and begin integrating the expanded lines of die supplies into its other warehouse locations throughout the United States and Canada.

“Advanced Die Supplies has been owned and operated by an industry legend for over three decades and we are honored that Michael Barkin has chosen Freeman to continue his tremendous legacy and tradition of providing top quality products, genuine customer service, and fair prices to an industry that has been so well-served by Michael and his team. We see this acquisition as a key investment in taking our die supply division to the next level,” said Matthew Turco, President of Freeman.

Starting as a foundry patternshop in Maumee, Ohio in 1902, Freeman Manufacturing & Supply Company has evolved from reselling supplies to other local patternshops into one of the world’s top manufacturers and distributors of tooling materials—consisting of urethane, epoxy, wax, wood, and silicone. Now headquartered in Avon, Ohio, Freeman continues to be a global leader in manufacturing specialty waxes and polyurethanes as well as North America’s largest industry supplier of tooling materials and die supplies with over a dozen warehouse locations throughout the United States and Canada.

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