



## Where we are now.

We are a global leader in engineered infrastructure solutions, but we got here from very modest beginnings. See how it all started in 1965 and steadily grew to where we are today.

**2015**  
AIL marks 50 years in business with a cross-Canada tour of employee events.

**2014**  
AIL launches branding extension to better support its position as Canada's Bridge & Infrastructure Company.  
Mike Wilson's son, Riley Wilson, joins the AIL Group, working for Big R Bridge.

**2013**  
AIL begins promoting a new Geotextile Reinforced Soil (GRS) Bridge technology to the resource road industry.  
AIL International aligns with Algonquin Bridge to grow market share in Modular Panel and Custom Prefabricated Bridges.

**2012**  
The AIL Group of Companies sold Atlantic Civil Products to Rocla Pty Ltd, a leading Australian supplier of concrete solutions to the building and construction industry.  
Atlantic Civil Products becomes an AIL licensee under new owner.  
The AIL Group of Companies purchases and restores a Sackville, NB heritage building for new corporate office.  
T&B Structural Systems, Inc. rebranded as Vist-A-Wall Systems LLC to better support the company's position as an international leader in MSE wall design and construction.  
Big R opens Eastern US bridge plant in Abingdon, VA.

**2011**  
Developed Ultra-Cor® – surpassing Super-Cor® as the world's strongest structural plate.  
Entered the sound barrier wall market with the strategic acquisition of HLH Sound Walls and the creation of the AIL Sound Walls Division.  
Developed THE EDGE Super-Cor Flange Connection technology to extend application range of structural steel plate.  
Developed Grid-Strip™ soil reinforcement technology to improve the efficiency of Vist-A-Walls™.

**2010**  
Expansion of Big R Bridge with new facility in Forth Worth, Texas to manufacture Super-Cor® and Bolt-A-Plate®.

**2009**  
Atlantic Wire Walls expanded line rebranded as Vist-A-Wall MSE Structural Wall Systems™.  
AIL recognized as Canadian Innovation Leader with an NRC-IRAP Award (National Research Council).

**2008**  
The AIL Group of Companies is formed.  
The AIL Group acquires T&B Structural Systems, of Fort Worth, TX, an established MSE wall engineering company.  
AIL Group sets up AIL MINING team to sell to international mining sector.  
AIL International formed by AIL Group to better serve international markets and licensees.  
Big R Manufacturing, LLC, announces corporate name change to Big R Bridge.  
Big R Bridge launches its patented Tunable Bridge™ design.

**2007**  
AIL launches own MSE wall system, Atlantic Wire Walls.

**2006**  
The AIL Group acquires the pipe and plate business from Australian mining specialist, Ingal Civil Products, and renames it Atlantic Civil Products Pty Ltd.

**2004**  
Strategic Super-Cor® licensing agreement established with Pyungsan for Korean market.

**2001**  
AIL negotiates the purchase of Big R Manufacturing, which was about half the size of AIL.

**Late 1990s**  
After distributing similar product for several years, AIL develops and manufactures its own Dur-A-Span™ Structural Aluminum Plate.

**1996**  
AIL cultivates strategic distributor relationship with Big R Manufacturing, LLC, in Greeley, CO, a major modular steel bridge manufacturer serving the western US market.

**1995**  
AIL enters into MSE retaining wall business.

**1993**  
AIL introduces and patents deep corrugated Super-Cor®, the world's strongest corrugated steel plate.

**1992**  
Strategic planning process begins to develop and introduce new products.

**1989**  
Chairman of the Board, John W. Wilson, retires and hands over reins of the firm to Mike Wilson, then 38.

**1988**  
Mike Wilson leads strategic acquisition of Koppers International (Canada) Limited, and moves to Ontario to become its President.  
Workforce now more than 200, with a nationwide manufacturing and distribution network.

**1982**  
AIL diversifies with Mike Wilson becoming General Manager of a division.  
Mike Wilson designs and builds a galvanizing plant at Dorchester Cape.  
AIL workforce now has over 100 employees.

**1981**  
Mike Wilson returns to AIL in Dorchester Cape to work with his father and develop a strategic plan to grow the business.

**Late 1970s**  
After distributing similar product for several years, AIL develops and manufactures its own Bolt-A-Plate® Structural Steel Plate.

**1975**  
John W. Wilson's son, Mike Wilson, graduates as a Civil Engineer from University of New Brunswick and takes a job as a project engineer with the Alberta Department of Transportation.

**1965**  
Rather than transfer with that company, John opens Atlantic Industries Limited (AIL), in Dorchester Cape, NB, with a \$10,000 investment, a riveter, a staff of ten, and a Board of Directors, comprised of shareholders and business people from across Canada.

**Mid 1950s**  
Mining Engineer, John W. Wilson, moves to Sackville, NB to manage a corrugated steel pipe plant for another company.

## Where we started.