



Lifetime Achievement Award for Developing the World's First Oil Free Stamping Lubricant



30 years ago on a quiet street in Evanston, IRMCO veteran and visionary, Art Dampts, developed the very first high performance oil-free stamping and drawing lubricant. Dampts spent most of his career at IRMCO in the research center which now bears his name. In the late 1970's the US was wrestling with the effects of an oil embargo and short supply. More stringent environmental laws were also on the horizon. While synthetics were common in metal cutting, no one was able to build one that worked in much more demanding sheet metal forming. Dampts envisioned the far reaching benefits of creating a water-based lubricant without solvents, oil or traditional animal fat compounds. After years of extensive lab work and field trials, Dampts' inventive and original formulations became a commercial success in 1982. The very first and truly synthetic stamping and drawing lubricant had been born. Since that time, IRMCO has led the product category that Dampts created 30 years ago. As the only company in the world focused exclusively on press-working and tube bending lubricants, IRMCO continues to develop a wide range of oil free products through its current R&D Director, Frank Kenny. IRMCO FLUIDS® 980-323 is the latest success, an economical fluid for all types of metal.

Improving your business through advanced metal forming lubricant technology has been our mission for nearly 100 years. We achieve it by providing LeanGreen® non-oil metal-forming fluids and gels as well as by providing engineering services to help you optimize more than 80 manufacturing, assembly, and environmental areas.

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