

Company Background

Providence Lacquer & Supply Centre, Inc. was started in 1948, in West Warwick, RI. The founders, Fredrick (Red) and Silvia Kafrissen, started the business taking orders for products, ordering those products and delivering them the next week. They would buy their nitrocellulose lacquer based paints and primers from a company in PA, and have it shipped in weekly. Deliveries would be made with the family station wagon. Body filler would be made monthly, the use of a bakery mixer made the job a little easier.

The operation moved from West Warwick, RI to Cranston, RI in 1952. A second store was opened in Seekonk, MA in 1977, and a third store was added in Norwich, CT in 1991.

In 1977, DuPont was taken on as a paint line, mixing all available qualities. Stadox was added to the family of paint in 1999. We are proud to be part of the DuPont Performance Coating Family of Champion Jobbers.

The Kafrissen's owned the company until 1980 when they sold it to Benny DiCaprio, one of the companies long time employees. In 1985, Benny went into semi-retirement and transferred the control of the corporation to Brian Keough and Peter Kilkenny.