

A. STUCKI
C O M P A N Y

INDEPENDENT DRAFT GEAR

AMERICAN INDUSTRIES

A Different Company... The Same Promise



A. STUCKI



Since being founded in 1911 by Arnold Stucki, A. Stucki Company has led the industry in the development and application of railcar dynamic control products. In the early days, the company focused on the design and manufacturing of roller side bearings. During World War I, the majority of U.S.R.A. (United States Railway Administration) cars were equipped with A. Stucki Company designs. In 1925, the company revolutionized their side bearings by manufacturing an all-rolled-steel product that became increasingly popular on American railroads.

Today, we have a dominant presence in the U.S. and worldwide through our three operating companies; A. Stucki Company, Independent Draft Gear, and American Industries. We now offer a total solutions car package consisting of the highest quality products and services available to the freight and industrial railroad markets.

A. Stucki Company

Led by President Bill Kiefer, A. Stucki Company is a U.S.-based designer, manufacturer, and supplier of engineered products and services to the international rail transportation market. Railroad freight car dynamic control is our business. And the entire business is founded on our exceptional research and development program.

Independent Draft Gear

Independent Draft Gear is an Association of American Railroads (AAR) certified service provider that specializes in the reconditioning and testing of railcar draft gears.

American Industries

American Industries is an industry-leading supplier of repaired and reconditioned railcar parts to the U.S. railroad industry.



Our Focus

Quality Packaged Solutions and Customer Satisfaction



We are no longer providing only railcar products and services, we are delivering turnkey solutions. You need a partner who will stand behind their promise, and can work with you on all aspects of your projects. Whether you need to improve the ride quality of your cars, alleviate the wear and tear caused by train dynamics, ensure optimal conditions for braking, or reduce maintenance budgets through repair and reconditioning services, we can design the right package for you.

All of our product lines are manufactured under either AAR M-1003 or ISO9001:2000 based quality systems, which consist of two main elements to achieve fulfillment of specified requirements:

- To continually improve processes and products.

- The prevention of nonconforming items. Continuous improvement begins and ends with the customer; from design engineering, purchasing, and sales, through manufacturing and shipping, essentially all phases of our business.

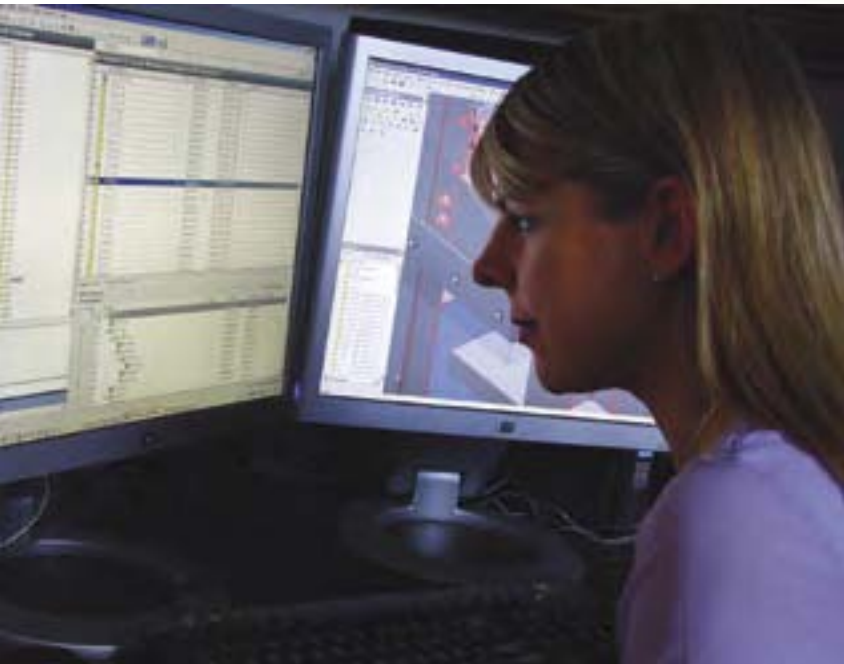
Our people know that building a successful business depends on building strong personal relations with our customers. We strive to understand customer needs and meet their expectations by consistently providing quality products and services.

Today, it's the integration of our three operating companies, and our people, that are changing the way we do business. And, our customers' satisfaction is defining the true measure of our success.



Our Products

Safe, Reliable, and Quality Assured



We offer technically superior products at competitive prices, balanced by various programs and initiatives that can be customized to meet your financial objectives. Our vast array of products is designed to be simple and flexible, which enables our customers to reduce inventory, eliminate maintenance costs, and homogenize their fleet. Through our sales force, world-class customer service representatives, Internet ordering, tracing, and training, we've made your entire experience working with us a comfortable way of doing business.

The quality of our research and development, design / engineering and manufacturing, which is certified under the AAR M-1003 specification, can also be measured by the performance of our products. Our dynamic suspension package is the only comprehensive set of solutions to your most serious dynamic control problems. The result? Your railcars ride better than ever. They rock, roll, bounce, hunt, and wear less than ever. So you get higher reliability and lower maintenance than ever.

The product part of our solutions package includes truck and body side bearings for both standard and extended travel, upgrade kits, resilient friction elements, hydraulic stabilizers, brake beams, and draft gears.



Our Services

On Time, Dependable, and Within Budget



We are proud to have two of the leading repair and reconditioning service providers in the industry working hard for our customers every day. Independent Draft Gear and American Industries are the service arms of our business.

We strive to maintain a large inventory of in-stock draft gears that are available for just-in-time shipments anywhere in North America and Mexico.

All reconditioned draft gears are 100% drop hammer tested and backed by an extended warranty. All gears receive new or reconditioned parts as required per M-901B and are rebuilt and tested to near-original factory capacity. Through reconditioning services and reclaimed draft gear cores, we are able to offer our customers reduced up-front cost while increasing their return on investment.

At American Industries, we specialize in rail-car parts, repair, and reconditioning services. We have a strong focus for dismounting, inspecting, and reconditioning wheel sets as well as providing new or aftermarket reconditioned railcar parts. Whether it's new, used, or reconditioned bolsters, side frames, couplers & yokes, or truck assemblies, we can design the right package solution for you.

At Independent Draft Gear, we recondition and stock most Group J and Group M draft gears per AAR Interchange Rule 21. Draft gears in other groups are also available, but are not considered stock items. We have the capacity to ship draft gears to repair facilities, rip tracks, and car shops.



Our Value

Technical Expertise, Innovative, and Flexible

Since 1911, A. Stucki Company has been designing, engineering, and manufacturing safe and reliable dynamic control products for the rail industry. More recently, our company has added world-class repair and reconditioning services for railcars through Independent Draft Gear and American Industries.

Operating together gives us the advantage over the competition to be your preferred partner for the best dynamic control solutions package in the industry. We've listened to your needs and have adjusted the way we do business to be more responsive to your challenges today, tomorrow, and in the future.

We promise to continue striving for the highest quality products and services that railcar builders, repair shops, and owners demand today, and we are committed to finding more innovative ways of delivering the total solution to your railcar challenges. We want to be your preferred supplier of both products and services, and we'll go to great lengths to ensure your satisfaction.

For more information, please visit our web sites.

A different company...the same promise.

