

BEFORE: Sanstorm's History

Sanstorm was born in 1941 when F.H. Roselle patented his creation, the Abrasive Blasting Machine.

By 1946, the company had formed in Fresno, California as Myers Welding & Fabrication. In that same year, Bill Myers received a patent for the critical piece of the sandblasting technology - the control valve – and from there, the company took off! The owner, Bill Myers, and his two sons, Don and Robert, began manufacturing and selling this new technology. In the early years, the company also hired Charlie Spears. Charlie would eventually become the driving force behind Myers as president and CEO.

Their sandblasting patents progressed when Bill Myers received yet another patent on the wet head adapter in 1955. From there, the company was purchased by Big 3 Industries in 1968. Big 3 had always been one of Myers' largest customers, so it was a natural and logical progression, to support their own usage. Big 3 Industries reserved Sanstorm technology from public marketing, using it only as internal machinery.

In spite of that, the company grew and moved to Houston, Texas in 1970, where the company and manufacturing remain to this day.

In 1986 Air Liquide purchased Sanstorm and Bowen Tools from Big 3 Industries. In 1988 Sanstorm was incorporated.

In 1994 Sanstorm was purchased by MMLJ, who was focusing on other developments, SodaBlasting. SodaBlast Systems was launched while Sanstorm customers were supported.

The basic Sanstorm having been abandoned for over 24 years, only to find customers and distributors alike still supporting the quality machines purchased prior to that period. That need thrust the Sanstorm technology back into the spotlight, since it is still the best and most efficient machine available.

Sanstorm systems have been upgraded many times over the years from the days of the "pot tenders" to today serving up **OSHA compliant machines**, always keeping the no clog, trouble free, efficiency in mind. Sanstorm is still the best no clog abrasive blasting machine available.

AFTER: Company History

Sanstorm: the No-Clog Abrasive Blasting Machine

MMLJ Inc., manufacturer of sand blasting, pressure blasting and blast cabinets and a leader in no-clog abrasive equipment on the market, assembles and sells the reliable [Sanstorm](#) Pressure Type Blast Cleaning Machine and accessory line industry pros rely on today.

The roots of **Sanstorm products** began in 1941 when F.H. Roselle patented his Abrasive Blasting Machine, a simple no-clog cleaning invention that made production more efficient and economical.

After Myers Welding & Fabrication acquired the rights to manufacture and sell the abrasive blasting machine in 1946, the Fresno, Calif., company received a patent for a control valve, a critical component for the equipment.

Bill Myers continued to grow the company as well as his patent portfolio with the addition of the wet head adapter in 1955. Myers sold the Sanstorm technology in 1968 to one of his largest customers, Big Three Industries.

The new owner relocated manufacturing facilities to Houston, Texas in 1970 and devoted the Sanstorm technology and resources for in-house use only. The abrasive blasting machine traded hands again 16 years later when Air Liquide acquired Big Three Industries in 1986.

Air Liquide, a Paris-based international industrial gas company with a U.S. office in Houston, incorporated Sanstorm in 1988.

The Sanstorm technology achieved another significant milestone when Houston-based MMLJ, the maker of the [Genuine SodaBlaster™](#), purchased the abrasive cleaning equipment in 1994 and embarked on ambitious plans to re-introduce the high quality, cutting-edge machines to the media blasting market.

MMLJ's [Sanstorm product line](#) grew again in the late 1990s when it updated its technology and expanded its line of blasting pots. The expansion gave media blasters more options and **solidified the company's position as a leader in the abrasive cleaning equipment market.**

Today, MMLJ's products are poised for even more growth as innovations in media blasting technology allow for multiple uses of abrasive materials in a single pot without special adapters or adjustments.

MMLJ remains committed to the design, development and distribution of its superior stationary and portable blasting equipment.

Company Timeline

- 1941 F.H. Roselle receives patent for his Abrasive Blasting Machine, a no-clog system that helps speed up blasting production.
- 1946 Bill Myers and his sons, Don and Robert, acquire the Abrasive Blasting Machine technology and begin manufacturing, selling and marketing the equipment. That same year, Myers receives the patent for a control valve to go with the Sanstorm.
- 1955 Bill Myers adds another patent to his portfolio for the wet head adapter.
- 1968 Big Three Industries acquires Sanstorm, relocates to Houston, Texas two years later and focuses on the technology for in-house use only.
- 1986 Big Three Industries sells Sanstorm to Paris-based Air Liquide.
- 1994 MMLJ, the maker of the Genuine SodaBlaster™ buys Sanstorm and releases the cutting-edge blasting equipment to the public.