

Hydronic Connection

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J.M. O'Connor, Inc.....Celebrating 100 Years in Business!

It's official! As we ring in 2020, we not only celebrate a New Year. J.M. O'Connor is now celebrating 100 years in business! A century of serving great customers with their hydronic needs. How about a little JMO history lesson?

Joe O'Connor opened the first J.M. O'Connor office in Wichita, KS in 1920. The company specialized in equipment for mechanical systems. Joe emphasized engineering skills in the staff he hired and today JMO maintains a strong culture of engineering expertise and excellence. JMO featured a diverse product offering. In addition to hydronics the company also sold forced-air unitary HVAC systems, air filtration systems, and controls.

Bob Piller, Joe's son-in-law, joined JMO in 1949 and became President of the company after Joe retired. During this time O'Connor's hydronics and forced-air HVAC divisions split into separate companies. The hydronics division retained the name J.M. O'Connor. Bob successfully led the business until the end of the 1980's when his son, Lynn took over as President. In 1994 JMO expanded into Kansas City and became a regional distributor for Taco Pumps.

Sales Manager Warren Jurgens has driven the expansion of JMO's commercial plan & spec rep business, focusing on education for the engineer and contractor base, as well as comprehensive training for all the JMO salespeople—tying in with our core values of education and engineering excellence in all our work. Today, JMO looks to the future with a staff of young people, including Lynn's son Jim, who joined JMO in 2019.

JMO proudly celebrates 100 years in business and has a century of tradition for excellence in education and sales support. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank great customers like you for your support and commitment. We couldn't do it without you!



Getting To Know You....Sean Devins, Warehouse Manager/Pump Assembly

Sean joined the JMO team in 2006. He prides himself in quickly getting your impellers trimmed and pumps assembled, tested and painted. In addition to building pumps and managing the warehouse, Sean has a following around the Kansas City area as an amazing drummer. Those of us at the TDC consider him a Rock Star! His wife Janel, and daughter Ella (15), are his biggest fans. When he isn't building a pump, making a beat, or grooming his awesome beard, you can find him in the tattoo chair adding to his "body" of artwork.. Here's some more fun info about Sean:



- Who is your hero? My dad
- What is your favorite thing about your career? Knowing when a company is down and needs an emergency pump, we can get it to them immediately
- What is your proudest accomplishment? My daughter Ella
- If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be? Play in front of 100,000 people
- What would you sing at Karaoke night? Walk This Way- Aerosmith/Run DMC
- If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Wings
- If money was no object, what would you do all day? Travel the country with my family
- If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to? The 60's
- What is the best gift you have been given? My daughter Ella
- Aside from necessities, what one thing could you not go a day without? Music
- What is your favorite childhood memory? Always going to my grandma's house every Sunday
- If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be? The 4 members of the band Alter Bridge
- What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten? Oysters...yuck!
- What song would you say best sums you up? How Did You Love?- Shinedown
- What celebrity would you like to meet at Starbucks for a cup of coffee? Keanu Reeves
- What was your first job? Pizza Hut delivery driver
- If you could join any past or current music group which would you want to join? Alter Bridge or Shinedown

Product Spotlight: Taco 1600 Series Custom and Stock Pump Models

Ever have a customer who has a custom Taco 1600 Series pump and they can't wait for a new pump to be assembled? In addition to manufacturing a line of custom 1600 Series model numbers that have varying horsepower options for each model, Taco also offers 1600 Series "stock" pump numbers that each come with a set HP and impeller trim size and are ready to ship.

Did you know that these custom and stock models are often interchangeable?

The chart to the right shows each custom 1600 Pump Model in the column on the left, with all 1600 stock model options to the right. So, if the Taco pump selector recommends a 1611 pump with a 1/3HP motor and 4.75" impeller, you could instead use the Taco stock 1610 model in it's place which comes boxed and ready to install! The performance is the same and actually, the two pumps are identical! Similarly, if a customer needs a 1635 pump with a 3/4HP motor and a maximum 5.65" impeller, you could instead use the Taco stock 1632 model in it's place. And vice-versa!

The TDC stocks a wide selection of custom and stock Taco 1600 Pumps. Whether you need a custom pump in a week, or a stock pump in a day or two, we have got you covered! Contact Kim or Shannon with questions and stock inquires!

Model Number		HP	Imp Dia	Flange
Custom	Stock			
1611	1600	1/4	4.5	1 1/2"
	1610	1/3	4.75	
1615	1612	1/2	5.75	1 1/2"
	1614	3/4	6.35	
1619	1616	1	7.1	2"
1635	1630	1/2	4.9	2"
	1632	3/4	5.65	
	1634	1	6.15	
1641	1636	1 1/2	6.4	2"
	1638	2	6.9	

