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HISTORY OF WHEELED COACH



With a legacy and passion to deliver mission-critical durability, Wheeled Coach ambulances are born to perform under the most demanding conditions—and built to be as unbreakable as the spirit of those we serve.

Wheeled Coach operates out of a 311,000-square-foot production facility in Orlando, Florida. With a team of 600 employees, including expert engineers, the company manufactures durable, reliable ambulances featuring customer-driven innovations. Wheeled Coach produces close to 1,000 units each year using Lean Manufacturing Processes that ensure consistency, quality, precision and repeatability in everything the company builds, as well as reduce inefficiencies and waste.

1975

Robert Collins Sr. began Wheeled Coach in 1975 in downtown Orlando. His team of five employees built Wheelchair Vans and Type II Ambulances. In 1980, with the demand for Wheeled Coach products growing, the company moved to Forsyth Road in Orlando, where Wheeled Coach headquarters is today.

1983

Wheeled Coach went public in 1983, and in 1985, the company was purchased by Collins Industries, a bus and small ambulance manufacturer located in Kansas, and set up operations there.

1990

In the early 1990s, all ambulance manufacturing returned to Orlando, and Wheeled Coach's focus on innovation, quality and safety was re-energized. In 1993, the company started producing Type III Ambulances. The Moduvan Type VII Ambulance made its debut in 1994. Their focus was to "get back to the basics" and build some of the most efficient, safest, and innovative emergency vehicles in the world.

Several innovations birthed in the 1990s continue to be what makes Wheeled Coach an icon in the industry. The patented Cool-Bar™ Condenser, Corner Cap Lighting, and Integrated LED Stop/Tail/Turn Signal all create the "signature look" of the Wheeled Coach Ambulance.



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2000

As Wheeled Coach continued to gain popularity in the EMS Industry in the early 2000s, the company's municipal customers desired even more customization. The company adopted technology to improve efficiency and consistency of production while safety standards were raised even higher through scientific data analysis.



Never resting on their laurels, significant investments were also made to meet the growing demand for customization. CNC plasma cutters and CNC routers, as well as robotic welding machines were introduced to ensure Wheeled Coach was building to exact specifications so processes could be repeated with precision, ease and total predictability.



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2009

In 2009, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) implemented safety standards for the ambulance industry. Leading the way, Wheeled Coach was the first to put its Type III ambulance to the test in March 2010 by performing the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Side Impact Crashworthiness Evaluation Protocol IV. The results confirmed the strength of the Wheeled Coach ambulance body with only minimal damage to the exterior and interior of the modular body.

Wheeled Coach is now part of REV Group, a leading designer, manufacturer, and distributor of Fire & Emergency, Commercial, and Recreation Specialty vehicles and related after-market parts and services.

2017



In 2017, Wheeled Coach again showed leadership by performing a modular body rollover test at an independent test lab. The test utilized a finished ambulance body mounted to a Type III chassis. In addition to this dynamic modular body test, Wheeled Coach also certifies its units to SAE J3057, Ambulance Modular Body Evaluation-Quasi-Static Loading for Type I and Type III Modular Ambulance Bodies, SAE J3058 for Ambulance Interior Storage Compartment Integrity, SAE J3059 for Ambulance Patient Compartment Seated Occupant Excursion Zone Evaluation, and SAE J3102 Ambulance Patient Compartment Structural Integrity Test to Support SAE J3027 Compliant Litter Systems.

Wheeled Coach understands the EMS Industry is fast-paced, ever-changing and is life-critical. Because of this, Wheeled Coach is known for some of the shortest lead times in the industry offering more stock options and chassis availability than most competitors. Emergency fleets around the country turn to Wheeled Coach for its tough, durable, quality ambulances that perform under the most demanding conditions.

2020

The year 2020 was a momentous one for Wheeled Coach as it celebrated its 45th anniversary of building tough, durable ambulances that emergency fleets rely on every day. Wheeled Coach and its dealer network also worked closely with emergency responders as they battled the COVID-19 pandemic, delivering on emergency requests and continuing to provide the trusted Wheeled Coach performance and value.

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