



THE WATERLOX STORY

The Hawkins family has worked for four generations to provide finishing solutions that enhance and protect the natural beauty of wood. We began manufacturing Waterlox products in 1910 by using the best ingredients and our original family formulas. Today, the tradition of quality continues with products that are handmade by our expert staff. Our experience is supported by a continuous dedication to satisfy our customers in the woodworking and wood flooring industries.

HIGHLIGHTS

1910 - Our Beginnings

R.L. Hawkins, Sr., establishes The Empire Varnish Company to produce a full line of exterior and interior paints, varnish, enamels, and stains.



1930's - Introducing Waterlox Products

The introduction of Waterlox Transparent leads to other tung oil-based finishes that become the company's most prominent product line. The Waterlox Division is established.

1940's - Family Pride

R.L. Hawkins, Jr., joins his father's company





1960's - Change and Development

The Empire Varnish Company becomes Waterlox Chemical and Coatings Corporation. R.L. Hawkins is named President.

1970's & 1980's- The Next Generation

J.W. Hawkins (3rd Generation) joins the company, becomes president (1985), and continues to run the company today.



1990's - New Name, New Products

A name change to Waterlox Coatings Corporation signifies a continued commitment to delivering a new and expanded product line, and a continued commitment to quality coatings

2000's - New Look

Waterlox launches a brand new look for its tung oil line of Legendary Wood Finishes. Kellie Hawkins-Schaffner (4th Generation) joins the company, reaffirming the Hawkins family commitment to quality, value, reliability, and knowledge.