



# History

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Cozzoli Machine Company was founded in 1919 by Frank J. Cozzoli, Sr. Originally named Modern Machine & Tool Company, the operation was located in Plainfield, New Jersey, in a building approximately 1,200 square feet. Today the Company has a 100,000 square foot facility in Somerset, New Jersey.

Primarily a machine shop specializing in tool and die and general machine jobbing work, the Company soon became involved in building and experimenting with varied types of processing machinery for outsiders, such as engineering firms and manufacturing companies requiring special production machinery to fulfill their needs.

At the same time the Company was also becoming more involved in the design and development of its own line of machinery for consumer use. One machine was a specialized automatic fruit press that was patented and won a gold medal at an international exposition in Brussels in 1926. Another development, also the first of its kind, was a rotary, centrifugal, gravity feed oil burner which was patented, manufactured and sold under the name of "Thorburn", known for its economical fuel oil consumption.

During the heart of the Great Depression, Frank Cozzoli's son, Joseph M. Cozzoli, joined his father in an attempt to keep the Company afloat during those very difficult times. In the mid 1930's, the Company was approached by a pharmaceutical company and asked to design a semi-automatic filling machine for the filling of medicinals into ampuls and vials. The machine had to fill very accurately and all the product contact parts were to be of high grade stainless steel, or all glass, and easily removable from the basic machine for easy sterilization and autoclaving, in order to remove any source of contamination from one medicinal product to another. After several months of design, fabrication and experimentation, the machine was completed, functioned to the customers' approval and was placed into production. This was Cozzoli's first step toward becoming a provider of solutions for the packaging machine industry.

The design and addition of complementary equipment expanded the original 15 container per minute filling application to today's fully automatic production lines with speeds of more than 500 containers per minute.

As sales grew throughout the world, many users began referring to the machines as "Cozzoli" machines; therefore, in 1955 the decision was made to change the Company name from Modern Machine & Tool Company to "Cozzoli Machine Company", emphasizing the Cozzoli logo. In 1964 Joseph Cozzoli formed the Company's first sales and marketing organization to market its products worldwide.

MRM/Elgin Corp. traces its beginnings back to Elgin Manufacturing Company, founded in Elgin, Illinois in 1897, and MRM (Machinery Repair and Maintenance), founded in Plainview, New York, in the late 1940's. The Elgin Division was acquired by Dobby Industries, Inc. in 1961. The Elgin Division was the primary manufacturer of filling equipment for the paint industry. In 1970 the division was moved to a facility in New Richmond, in Northern Wisconsin. The Elgin product line consisted primarily of straight-line fillers for paints, foods, cosmetics and tube filling basically for adhesives and mastics. In 1971, the MRM division was acquired by Dobby. The MRM product lines included rotary piston, time pressure and platform fillers for cosmetics, personal care products, foods, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals. In 1972, MRM was relocated to New Richmond and merged with the Elgin Division. The company then became known as MRM-Elgin, Corp.

In 1983, Cozzoli Machine Company purchased MRM-Elgin from Nordson Corporation, who had previously acquired Dobby. MRM/Elgin Corp. became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cozzoli Machine Company as was relocated to a modern manufacturing facility in Menomonie, Wisconsin. MRM/Elgin Corp. complements the Cozzoli line of equipment and has expanded the company's business into the food, cosmetic and petroleum industries.

Cozzoli Machine Company, along with its subsidiary, MRM/Elgin Corp., currently supplies and services a full product line of precision custom packaging machinery and system for cleaning, sterilizing, filling and closing applications. It's products are sold to the pharmaceutical, cosmetic, biotech, food, chemical and beverage industries.

The Company, today in its third generation, continues its commitment to excellence. This is reflected in Cozzoli's global recognition as a leader on the cutting edge of technology in the packaging industry.