



# 35 YEARS STRONG

Bandit Industries will spend 2018 celebrating its 35th anniversary with their worldwide dealer network and thousands of customers around the globe.



1983 - Mike Morey Sr with one of the first Bandit chippers.



Bandit in the 1980s. Above: Bandit Model 100 Chippers.

**T**hirty five years is a long time to be in business," said Bandit President and co-owner Jerry Morey. "This year we're going to take some time to appreciate where we've been, how we got to where we are, and how we want to keep innovating and evolving to benefit our employees, our customers and our industry."

It all started way back in 1983. Mike Morey Sr. and Diane Morey started Bandit Industries as Foremost Fabrications in a small 6,000 square foot, one-room work shop, located in a rural field approximately 10 miles west of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, USA. With the help of just six employees Mike developed and produced their first chippers – the Model 100 Brush Bandit.

Sticking to Bandit's mission and core values, Mike hit the road to promote the new chipper. Together with the innovative design of the now-famous Slide Box Feed



2018 - Bandit 21XP Chipper.

System, he pledged honesty, integrity and unwavering support as part of the Bandit ownership experience. It didn't take long before the first truckloads of Bandit chippers hit the road.

In 1987 Jerry Morey and Dennis Tracy left a rival company to join Mike and Dianne as co-owners, bringing significant experience in sales and marketing with them. The company name was officially changed from Foremost Fabrications to Bandit Industries, and things really took off.

Bandit Industries pioneered the self-propelled chipper market by introducing the first track chipper in the early 1990s. A few years later Bandit unveiled The Beast® – a powerful horizontal grinder that would soon become one of the leading machines in the world for processing waste wood, plastic, roofing shingles, rubber, and much more. Bandit developed a line of stump grinders in the 2000s, followed by track carriers featuring interchangeable forestry

mower and stump grinding heads. In 2013 Bandit unveiled a line of skid-steer attachments for land clearing operations.

As the product lines grew, so did the manufacturing capability. Averaging a major building expansion every two years, Bandit's original 6,000 square foot shop grew to over 300,000 square feet of manufacturing space at two locations in mid-Michigan. To assist customers and serve as brand ambassadors there are now more than 450 Bandit employees involved in design, assembly, paint, electrical, sales, marketing, and shipping.



Bandit product line.

Bandit has grown by leaps and bounds in the last 35 years, continually refining machines, adding new models, new product lines, growing their dealer network and expanding their customer base. Today, more than 60,000 Bandit machines are in use all around the world, and more than 200 dealer locations serve Bandit customers in six continents.

During the growth over the past 35 years Bandit has never lost sight of who it is and what it does, said Morey.

"Bandit is a company dedicated to producing the highest quality equipment for the hardest working men and women," he said. "For the last 35 years, we've worked tirelessly to build the best equipment, and in 2018, we reaffirm our commitment to them, and to our industry."

It's been a great journey so far, and for Bandit the best is yet to come.

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Air view of the Bandit Industries in Michigan.