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ADVANCING EXCELLENCE: Enhanced Machine Shop

Southern Folger continues to elevate quality, efficiency, and reliability with a significant investment in four state-of-the-art CNC machines. This addition enhances our ability to maintain higher levels of precision and consistency across production.

"These investments reinforce our commitment to advanced manufacturing and technology," says Richard Fernandez, Operations Manager. "They enable us to meet stringent quality standards, optimize production workflows, and enhance overall productivity."

The new Haas CNC machines offer high-speed shaping, drilling, turning, and cutting, significantly improving the precision and efficiency of our machine shop. "These advancements will directly contribute to improved product quality and reduced lead times," Fernandez adds. "This allows us to meet customer expectations better and maintain a competitive edge in the industry."

As we refine our manufacturing processes, we anticipate even greater efficiency and precision. However, these improvements would not be possible without the dedication of our machine shop team.

"Their commitment—putting in long hours and working weekends—has been instrumental in managing the increased workload and driving our continued success," says Fernandez. Southern Folger remains focused on innovation, ensuring we continue to deliver the highest-quality solutions to our customers.



A Safety Tip

"Working safely may get old, but so do those who practice it."

From John Legros Director of safety

Snippets

This April we started our company newsletter! Once a month, you'll receive a new copy of 'The Insider' so you can stay up-to-date with everything going on at Southern Folger, get safety tips, meet your new coworkers, and hear from our president Don Halloran. So keep an eye out each month for a new edition!

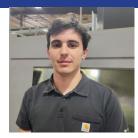
Meet the New Faces of Southern Folger



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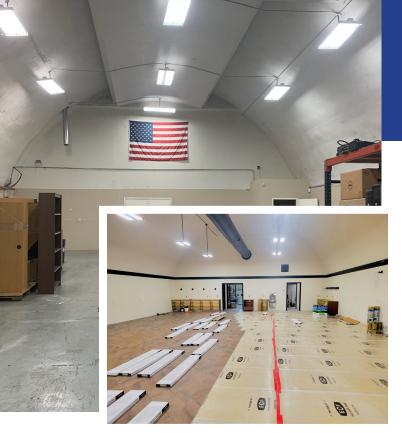


Hailey Mathis
Marketing
Marketing
Coordinator

Highlighted Visitors Craftmaster Hardware

On March 12, we were visited by one of our distributors. Representatives from Craftmaster came to Southern Folger and to commemorate the day, we got a picture of the visitors in front of our building.





Building the Future: New Training Facility

In August 2024, construction began on a transformative project—renovating the vintage theater across the parking lot into Southern Folger's new Training Center. Once home to our electronics division, this space is being reimagined to provide a hands-on learning experience for trainees eager to master the maintenance, installation, and servicing of our equipment.

Michael Chike, Director of Business Development, emphasizes the significance of this project. "By investing in a state-of-the-art facility that incorporates all three of our brands, we are demonstrating how important proper training is to the quality, performance, and reliability of our products," he says.

Set to be completed by April, the Training Center will be a hub of learning and innovation, reinforcing

Southern Folger's commitment to excellence. "This new facility is a major step forward in ensuring that those working with our products are properly trained to uphold the highest standards of safety and performance," Chike adds. "This investment underscores our dedication to quality, security, and innovation, and I'm excited to see the impact it will have moving forward."

Stay tuned as we bring this vision to life and continue shaping the future of training at Southern Folger.

A Word From our President

I would like to personally recognize the LOCK SHOP and JAIL SHOP teams for their exceptional performance. Their hard work, problem-solving, and commitment to quality have made a significant impact, ensuring we meet and surpass expectations. Whether it was overcoming challenges, improving workflows, or pushing to meet deadlines, their efforts did not go unnoticed.

Due to their dedication, our production capacity has reached impressive levels, further solidifying our reputation as an industry leader. This success is a testament to the skill, teamwork, and relentless drive of our employees. You are the backbone of Southern Folger, and I thank each of you for your contributions.

As we move forward, let's continue to build on this momentum, innovate, and set even higher goals.

Our future is bright because of the people who make Southern Folger great.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Don Halloran - President, Southern Folger



