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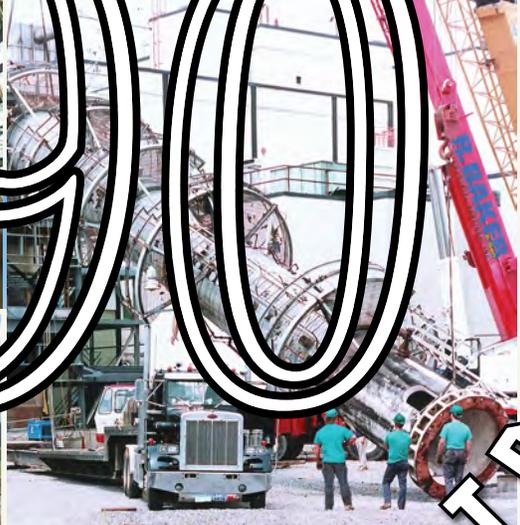
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Celebrating 90 Years of Excellence

As we mark a very special milestone of 90 years in business, we reflect on an incredible journey that spans four generations. Our company, founded in 1935, has grown from humble beginnings into a trusted name in the rigging, dismantling, demolition, and industrial services industries. This anniversary is not just a celebration of our longevity; it is a tribute to the unwavering support of our dedicated customers, employees, and community.

A Journey Through Time

The story of our company began with Robert “Ruby” Baker, who had a vision to provide quality industrial services at a fair price in the depths of the great depression. With hard work, determination, and a commitment to quality, he laid the foundation for what would become a thriving enterprise. Over the decades, we have adapted to changing times, embraced innovation, and expanded our offerings, all while remaining true to our core values.

Ruby’s son Walter, began working alongside his father at a young age after returning from the Navy. After gaining insight and experience, he helped take the company to the next level. He had a unique project approach which focused on detailed planning and execution. Walter’s insistence on recruiting top talent helped to strengthen the company’s foundation. He remained actively involved until his late 80s, sharing stories and mentoring the next generation.

The third generation, under the guidance of Walter’s sons, David and Mark Baker, continues this legacy of excellence. With a forward-thinking approach, they take on the most challenging projects that other contractors can’t or won’t do. They promote innovation, investing in new technology and equipment while continuing to place emphasis on safety and customer satisfaction.

Today, R. Baker and Son has promoted Ashley Baker DeGorter, Great granddaughter of our founder, Robert “Ruby” Baker to president. Working alongside her two uncles, since joining in 2013, she has brought fresh perspectives and innovations that position the company for continued growth while honoring its legacy. Together, they continue to give their customers personalized upmost attention to every project.

Grateful for Our Customers

As we celebrate this significant milestone, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our customers. Your loyalty and trust have been the cornerstone of our success. Each interaction, feedback, and shared experience has played an essential role in shaping our business and driving us to improve continuously. We are honored to serve you and to be a part of your lives for nearly a century.

In closing, thank you for being a part of our journey over these 90 years. Here’s to the next chapter in our story, together!

In Loving Memory

As we celebrate this milestone, we also remember those who are no longer with us but whose legacy lives on through our work. We pay special tribute to Ruby Baker, whose entrepreneurial spirit and unwavering integrity established our foundation; Walter Baker, whose strategic vision and dedication to excellence helped shape our success; and Spencer Baker, whose contributions to our company’s growth remain an integral part of our story. Their wisdom, leadership, and commitment to excellence continue to inspire us as we move forward into the future.

The Benefits of Working in a Safety Conscious Environment

At R Baker, our foremost priority is to encourage, promote, and support working in a safety-conscious environment, recognizing its positive effects for both Baker team members and our clients. A robust safety culture yields numerous benefits across our organization: employees experience increased confidence and reduced stress when they know their well-being is prioritized, leading to improved focus and productivity. This commitment to safety fosters enhanced job satisfaction as team members feel valued and respected, resulting in stronger workplace engagement and improved team dynamics through better communication and collaboration. Our safety-first approach has proven to reduce turnover rates, creating a more experienced workforce while simultaneously boosting creativity and innovation by providing an environment where calculated risks can be taken without fear. For 90 years, safety has been at the heart of what we do, contributing to a positive organizational culture that enhances employee morale and creates a supportive, collaborative workplace. We invite you to discover the Baker best – best in safety.



How Do Tower Cranes Grow



Tower cranes, essential for constructing skyscrapers, employ ingenious methods to grow alongside the buildings they create. While mobile cranes handle their initial assembly, two distinct climbing techniques enable their continued vertical growth.

The external climbing method positions the crane beside the building. At around 15 stories high, the crane attaches to the structure, and crews use a specialized climbing frame with hydraulic rams to raise its top section. They then insert and bolt new tower segments into place, repeating this process as needed.

For internal climbing, the crane operates from within the building's core, constructing the structure around itself. A hydraulic system at the base lifts the entire mast every 100 feet, where crews secure it with steel beams before continuing upward. Both approaches demonstrate the sophisticated engineering that allows these machines to reach extraordinary heights.

Equipment Assembly and Relocation: Choosing the Right Contractor



While many contractors can dismantle heavy machinery, expertise in assembly, reassembly, and relocation requires specialized skills. The process demands meticulous planning and execution.

Successful equipment relocation begins with strategic disassembly planning. Teams must determine optimal splitting points and section sizes for transport. A thorough site survey is essential, mapping all access points including doorways, elevators, and roof openings, as the smallest clearance dictates feasibility. R. Baker often uses 3D scanning to determine precise dimensions ensuring project success.



For new pharmaceutical equipment requiring factory acceptance testing (FAT), configurations should mirror the final installation layout. This approach enables reuse of piping, wiring, and connections from testing, reducing costs and installation time. Existing equipment relocation projects present ideal opportunities to replace worn components, hardware, gaskets and the like.

Proper packaging is critical. All components need clear identification markers for reassembly, and systems must be purged of fluids and materials after testing. Maritime or air transport may require additional moisture protection through desiccants. Having a factory technician oversee packaging and assembly, while adding cost, typically proves invaluable. Many manufacturers require documented oversight of critical assembly steps.

Quality contractors provide comprehensive services beyond basic rigging. Whether installing new equipment or relocating existing systems, teams should possess detailed project knowledge and expertise in assembling all components – from piping and electrical to controls and pneumatics – ensuring systems are ready for startup. R. Baker provides clients a total care solution from detailed planning to commissioning.