

# THE GATOR CASES STORY

Gator Cases was founded in 2000 by father-daughter team Jerry Freed and Crystal Morris in Tampa, FL. Initially, they launched with a small offering of molded plastic guitar cases at the Summer NAMM show in Nashville. From there, they expanded the product line to include case and bag solutions for pro audio, IT, audio-visual, general util-

ity, band instrument, and percussion users. The line now consists of over 1,000 different solutions made from vacuum-formed plastics, rotational-molded plastics, wood, sewn and EVA materials.

Leveraging the company's expertise

in case design and manufacturing, Gator has also grown a complete OEM division that works with leading companies around the world to engineer and manufacture custom cases for original equipment manufacturers.

In 2008, Gator acquired the manufacturing facility and product line of Protecht Cases, located in Ft. Wayne, IN. This new endeavor brought on-shore manufacturing in rotational molding along with expansion into the percussion market. Gator continues to invest in additional U.S. manufacturing and expansion of this plant.

In 2013, Gator announced its new Frameworks line of stands and support systems at the Winter NAMM show. The launch features over 50 innovative and unique solutions for microphone, speaker, guitar, keyboard, A/V, and more. The line was extremely well received and complements the existing case line, making Gator the one-stop for all your accessory needs.

After being awarded Best in Show honors at Summer NAMM 2013 and Winter NAMM 2015, it is clear the Frame-



A recent innovation is Gator Cases' G-Tour Series ATA flight case for Allen & Heath's Avantis console. Constructed of 9mm plywood and covered in black laminate, it features ball corners and heavy-duty hardware. The EVA foam interior is custom fit for the mixer, while Gator's signature red recessed twist latches, spring-loaded rubber grip handles and heavy-duty casters make for smooth, secure transport.

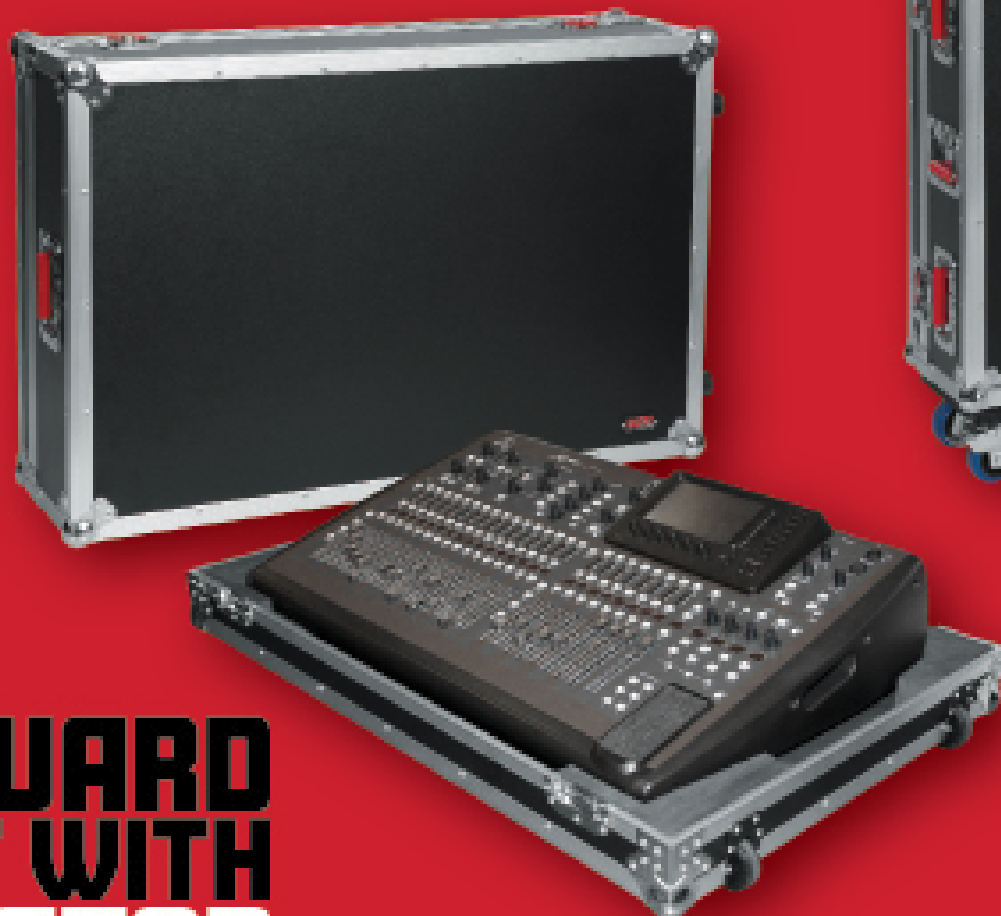
works line of products are a major and permanent contender in the industry.

In 2014, Gator moved into a new state-of-the-art manufacturing and distribution facility in Columbia City, IN. With over 180,000 square feet of dedicated space, Gator is poised to contin-

ue expanding manufacturing and offer best-in-class distribution.

In 2015, Gator acquired Viking Cases, a USA-based case manufacturer specializing in custom-built, ATA-rated flight cases. All Viking Case manufacturing was moved from its location in St. Petersburg, FL into Gator's facility in Columbia City, IN.

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