

## Why YOU should build molds in the U.S.

It is no secret that the plastics manufacturing industry has experienced numerous challenges over the past several years. Many of these have disrupted the supply chain and created instability and insecurity for those plastic processors building molds overseas.

Bring manufacturing – specifically the manufacturing of molds – back to the U.S. not only creates good paying jobs to support economic growth it helps rebuild the industrial base that is the foundation of the country. Additionally, there are numerous business benefits.

- **Enhanced Quality Control:** Closer proximity to production facilities allows for better oversight and quality control, which can lead to fewer defects and issues.
- **Shorter Lead Times:** Local production equals shorter supply chains resulting in faster delivery times and improved responsiveness to market and customer demands.
- **Reduced Freight Costs:** Having molds made closer to the production facility eliminates the need for air and sea freight costs, which have risen exponentially recently.
- **Support Innovation:** Proximity to manufacturing facilities can foster better collaboration leading to new and improved product solutions.
- **Streamlined Repair and Maintenance:** Utilizing the original mold manufacturer for repair and maintenance can reduce the overall cost and downtime to maintain your molds.
- **Improved Communication:** Reducing language, time zone and travel barriers improves communication and significantly reduces any errors or rework caused by communication issues.

Finally, domestic manufacturing promotes self-reliance, reduces dependency on foreign suppliers, safeguards sensitive technologies and ensures a reliable supply chain during times of crisis. There are many well-established mold builders based throughout the United States that can assist with meeting your production needs.

If you need assistance finding the right mold building partner, contact the [American Mold Builders Association \(AMBA\)](#).