

### **ALTENLOH, BRINCK & CO. – History**

**1823**

The Altenloh, Brinck & Co. located in Ennepetal Germany became the first German company to start industrial production of screws. The Company's initials – ABC – would become a recognized brand name for the highest quality fastening solutions. ABC solidified its success as a fastener supplier by further diversifying its product line by developing unique fastening solutions for other markets and applications.

**1967**

ABC revolutionizes the European fastener market with the introduction of its SPAX® brand of multi-material fasteners featuring patented design features. The SPAX brand would grow to become one of the most recognized brands in Europe.

**1990**

AZ Ausrüstung und Zubehör in Hattingen becomes a subsidiary of the Altenloh, Brinck & Co. and increases the company's international presence by establishing distribution companies in England, France, Spain, Poland, Turkey, and the U.S.

**2000**

ABC forms the International Cold Forming Alliance with Rockford (U.S.) and Osaka Rashi (Japan) and further establishes the company as a global player in the fastener industry.

**2003**

The ALTENLOH, BRINCK & CO. – Group is established.

### 2005

ABC introduces a new generation of SPAX® screws, featuring even greater performance features.

### 2006

The ALTENLOH, BRINCK & CO. – Group acquires Trufast Corporation of Bryan, OH, a leading manufacturing of engineered fastening solutions for the commercial roofing industry. ABC consolidates its U.S. sales and distribution facility in Baltimore, MD into the Trufast operation.

### 2010

The separate [Trufast](#) and [ABC U.S.](#) business entities are combined to form [ALTENLOH, BRINCK & CO. U.S., INC.](#) headquartered in Bryan, OH, manufacturing both the TRUFAST® and SPAX® brands of fasteners for the North American construction market.