



## **SCHNITZER STEEL HAWAII CORP. COMPANY HISTORY**

### **1906**

- Russian immigrant Sam Schnitzer started the company that would become Schnitzer Steel as a one-man scrap business called Alaska Junk Company. Sam started his business buying and selling the scrap metal he could carry on his back in his new home city of Portland, Oregon.

### **1949**

- Flynn-Learner, a precursor to Hawaii Metal Recycling, started a scrap metal recycling operation at a six-acre facility on Oahu.

### **1991**

- Flynn-Learner and HMR/Newell Inc. formed Hawaii Metal Recycling (HMR).
- The only metal shredder of its size and capacity in Hawaii, HMR's Terminator 1 (T1) shredder was installed at HMR's Oahu plant at a cost of over \$15 million. This state-of-the-art, electrically driven, 4,000-HP scrap metal shredder can reduce a full-size American-made automobile into fist-sized pieces of shredded steel scrap in approximately 30 seconds, recycling over 300 cars in a single day.

### **2002**

- HMR joined forces with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Coast Guard, which collect marine debris such as "ghost nets." HMR trucks haul the nets to its metal recycling site.

### **2003**

- HMR received the Hawaii Audubon Society's Corporate Environmental Award.

### **2004**

- Aloha 'Āina Earth Day was created on April 17, 2004, in Waianae. Residents can bring their recyclables to a designated location once or twice a month. Cash raised from the recycled material is given to a charity or nonprofit.

- The fishing net program expanded when HMR agreed to service a 30-cubic-yard roll-off bin purchased by NOAA placed at Pier 38 in Honolulu Harbor. Long-line fishermen and other harbor users now have a place to bring the "ghost nets" they regularly find at sea. When the bin is filled, the fishermen simply call HMR and HMR picks up and empties the bin.
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## **2005**

- On February 24, 2005, HMR volunteered its services to pick up hundreds of tires illegally dumped on the beach at Barbers Point.
- Schnitzer Steel becomes the owner of HMR.
- Schnitzer Steel Hawaii received the Hawaii State Department of Land & Natural Resources Coral Reef Preservation Corporate Award.

## **2006**

- Schnitzer Steel signed an agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency to formally share responsibility for removing mercury-containing switches from end-of-life vehicles.
- Schnitzer Steel Hawaii received the Oahu Surfriders Association Environmental Award.

## **2007**

- Waste Management Inc. uses a 1,000-pound electromagnet to pick up metal from the garbage in the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill. The magnet picks up 10 tons of metal in a day's worth of trash, which is then taken to Schnitzer Steel Hawaii for recycling.

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