

HARRIS®

GAS APPARATUS & FLOW CONTROL EQUIPMENT

From a small shop on Cleveland Ohio's west side to our high-tech factory in Gainesville, Georgia, Harris History is as impressive as the products we produce.

HARRIS CALORIFIC CO., a pioneer in the production of gas welding and cutting apparatus was founded by John Harris, who discovered the oxy-acetylene method of cutting in 1899 while conducting research on the manufacture of synthetic rubies. His discovery led to the manufacture of the nation's first flame-cutting torch.

After exhibiting his cutting torch at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair he established the company in 1905. Harris continued to refine its gas torches and began to produce related accessories, such as gas pressure regulators.

The U.S. Welding Co. of Minnesota purchased Harris in 1926. U.S. Welding's founder Lorne Campbell, Jr., served as President until the 1950's when Clarence Taylor assumed the position.

After World War 11, the company found new markets for its products in research laboratories, aircraft and missile manufactures. Under Clarence Taylor, Harris expanded national distribution, developed new equipment, stepped up advertising, and established subsidiaries and distributorships abroad.

Harris Australia/New Zealand is a proud member of the global family and is staffed by an excellent team. Their vast collection of knowledge is readily available to support the Harris products/spare parts/demo's/ gas audits/onsite training/productivity assessments and cost reduction programs.

