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HUMBLE BEGINNINGS
Larry Lukis is frustrated with traditional manufacturing so he writes more than a million lines of programming code to automate the front end of the manufacturing process. He launches a rapid injection molding company called The Proto Mold Company. Out of a garage. In the small town of Long Lake, Minnesota.

CLEVELAND ROCKS
Larry places a newspaper ad for a CEO tasked with growing the company from $1 million to $200 million. Brad Cleveland answers the call.

DFM ASAP
Automated quoting with interactive design for manufacturability analysis is introduced. Quotes in hours. Parts in days.

MOVIN’ DAY
Larry, Brad, and company move into Plant 1—a new, larger facility where developers and machinists work together amongst computers, mills, and presses.

THEY GROW UP SO FAST
Proto Mold named by Deloitte as one of the 50 Fastest Growing Technology Companies. Awards are bestowed.

EUROPEAN EXPANSION
Proto Mold opens facilities in Europe, including England, Germany, and France.

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GLOBAL HQ
A global headquarters is established in Maple Plain, Minnesota.

RUN CNC
First Cut CNC machining is added as second flagship service with Proto Mold injection molding.

HI! MY NAME IS…
Proto Mold and First Cut become Proto Labs.

KON’NICHIWA, JAPAN
A new Japanese facility expands our international presence overseas.

GLOBAL HQ
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PRLB HITS NYSE
Proto Labs goes public on the New York Stock Exchange with the ticker symbol, PRLB.

A NEW LEADER
Vicki Holt becomes President and CEO at Proto Labs.

3D PRINTING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
A new state-of-the-art 3D printing facility opens in North Carolina as our additive manufacturing capabilities continue to grow.

RAPID GROWTH
Proto Labs joins forces with New Hampshire-based Rapid Manufacturing to expand our machining capabilities and we launch sheet metal fabrication as our fourth flagship service.

PARTY LIKE IT’S 1999
Our company was launched 20 years ago on May 5! Happy birthday to us.

BUILDING A FUTURE WITH DIGITAL MANUFACTURING
3D printing joins molding and machining services with the acquisition of North Carolina-based Fineline Prototyping. A new machining and molding facility is also opened in Minnesota.

WILLKOMMEN, GERMANY
Alphaform is acquired in Germany, expanding our 3D printing footprint in Europe.

READY FOR THE NEXT INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION?