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**75** YEARS  
**1943-2018**

Fabricación de Máquinas



# FAMA

## celebrating 75 years - of experience

**Glass Machinery Plants & Accessories (GMP&A):** 75 years is an important anniversary for a company but your roots go back even further if we consider that FAMA was set up as the technological 'arm' of Vitro. What can you tell us about the first years of the company back in 1943?

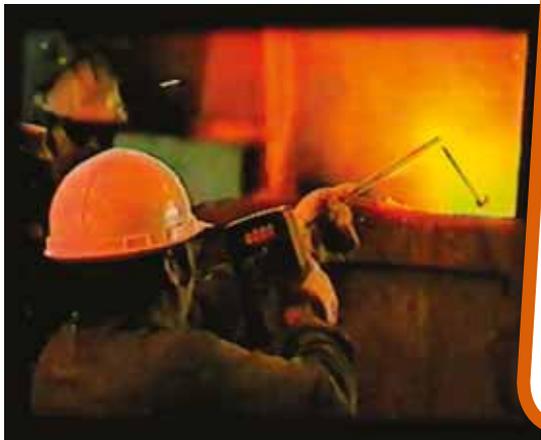
What kind of technology was used at that time?

**FAMA:** During its first years, FAMA tried to meet the demand of spare parts and molds for the glass factories of the group. FAMA used to have 6 machines and 37 people in a 13,000 square meter area located in

In this article, we speak to FAMA – a company with 75 years of history and experience in the hollow glass sector – to find out how the company started and how it has evolved over the years.

## FAMA – TIMELINE

- 1909** Vitro starts operations
- 1943** FAMA is founded as Vitro's 'technical arm', with integral processes able to provide machinery and equipment to the company's enterprises.
- 1944** FAMA's first foundry is built, using a cupola furnace.
- 1946** The first two-section IS machine is produced with the aim of creating new and more efficient machinery for the glass industry.
- 1950** Mould and machinery exports begin.
- 1970** Fabricacion de Maquinas S.A. starts international operations.
- 1980** FAMA joins the globalization process transforming itself from a national-market focused enterprise into an exporting company.
- 2015** FAMA expands its products and services to the world, offering integral solutions for glass manufacturers.



the northern part of the city (Monterrey, Mexico), where our first foundations were being constructed.

**GMP&A:** In 1944 FAMA built its own foundry – was this a move to be even more in control of the production and manufacturing aspects of the company?

**FAMA:** This allowed us to imagine the future expansion of FAMA. During that time, it represented the new era of independence of the Mexican industry, where FAMA played part as a raw material source. (cast iron and foundry).

**GMP&A:** What was the reaction from the market when FAMA's first IS machine was produced? Where was it sold at to which companies and markets?

**FAMA:** The first individual section was built to manufac-

ture and assemble glass products and more efficient machinery. FAMA's technical department engaged in the manufacture of drawings, planning of work and the general coordination of the machinery workshop.

**GMP&A:** In 1950 FAMA started to export its moulds and machinery – what was the response from the global marketplace?

**FAMA:** Although exports of molds and machinery started in



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the fifties, it would not start international operations until the sixties, when FAMA would place the products globally.

**GMP&A:** 1970 was the next big and important step for FAMA – international operations. What can you tell us about this period? How did the company carry out these international operations?

**FAMA:** FAMA developed and patented several glasswork products, manufacturing machines including machine E, the Seven System and the Eight System. Several Machine E versions were well known and exported to other countries.

**GMP&A:** Since then FAMA has continued to grow and expand. Which countries are you working with now?

**FAMA:** Mainly America.

**GMP&A:** Which fairs will you be attending this year?

**FAMA:** We attended Glassman Latin America in Guadalajara in March, and we will be attending glasstec at the end of October. ■



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