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The artistry of Virgil Blackinton was first displayed in 1852.

Working in Jet – a gleaming black glass – his creations received immediate acclaim in the world of fashion. As the demand for decorative accessories became more sophisticated, new mediums were employed capable of accepting the intricate designs then in vogue.

Wood was richly carved or heavily Japan lacquered while other materials were embellished with metal trim. The vagary of fashion was such that Virgil Blackinton never went to extremes or succumbed to the temporary trends or fads. Instead he preferred to blend good design with craftsmanship to produce a superior creation with lasting appeal – a philosophy that is now well into its second century of company practice.

Tradition tempered by fine craftsmanship alone could not have secured the respected position Blackinton® gained almost at its very inception. It also required an artistic sense constantly on the alert, appreciative of the trends of the day but without being bound by their dictates, sensitive to new ideas but cautious in acceptance and guided always by a respect for beauty, form and substance in all its creations.

The pieces originating with Blackinton® are a direct result of the creativity of its people – each an artist in his own right, carefully chosen for his varied talents and skills. Blackinton® is... artists, designers, engravers, sculptors and artisans working together to achieve excellence.

The Blackinton® forte, artistry in metal, had its beginning with a commission to produce military insignia during the Civil War. Although military regulations required that the insignia be large and cumbersome, its product earned for Blackinton® a reputation which spread across the nation.

With the cessation of the war, there was a surge of interest in identifying jewelry and Blackinton® became



Blackinton® Headquarters 1852

a major source of influence on its design. The shield, a symbol of protection from the days of "knights in armor," took on added meaning as Blackinton® designed badges and insignia for police and fire departments. Fraternal and secret societies adopted all types of symbols as a sign of membership while industry sought to have their trademarks fashioned in metal. Blackinton® skill in metalworking was even drawn into the manufacture of hand forged swords which competed successfully with those of the famous German makers. By the turn of the century, the varied products of Blackinton® could be found on display in almost every lodge room or parade throughout America.

The artistic supremacy of Blackinton® continues through painstaking hand craftsmanship and the ingenuity of its designers. Skilled artisans work in both base and precious metals, often combining them with other mediums – wood, ceramics, and crystal-clear Lucite to produce new and distinctive creations.

As a forward thinking company we still remain loyal to our roots working out of a 60,000 sq ft "secure" facility in Massachusetts where all stages of manufacturing is handled under one roof. Our unique combination of traditional and modern manufacturing techniques allows efficiencies, innovation, and the same quality American craftsmanship that the company was built on, in 1852.

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- 1 Peace-of-Mind** knowing your badge has been made under one roof, in the United States, in our secure state-of-the-art factory in Massachusetts.
- 2 Speed of Delivery** Under our Quick Shipsm Badge Program 19 of our most popular badges ship within 5 working days. Most other catalog badge styles ship within 3 weeks.
- 3 Superior Quality** – We've been around perfecting our craft since 1852. We stand behind our product with a lifetime warranty against all manufacturing defects, under "normal wear and tear".
- 4 Customer Service** – Our extensive nationwide dealer network, and service and sales teams, have been listening and working to ensure your Blackinton® experience is outstanding.
- 5 Green Operations** – We're working to protect the community with our on-site waste water treatment plant and solar field. Allowing us to recycle 100% of our waste water, and reduce our electricity consumption, from the grid, by 50%.



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