

The Kent Corporation



The Kent Corporation was founded in 1958 with the mission of supplying a superior line of shelving and checkout counters for grocery, drug, and related businesses.

The owner of Kent Corporation, M.A. Öztekin, has been recognized as the “Father of His Industry.”

During the past fifty years, Öztekin has founded two extremely successful corporations and created jobs for thousands of Alabama residents. He has demonstrated engineering creativity in product and process design and is the holder of fourteen patents: eight U.S. patents and six foreign patents.

A native of Turkey, Öztekin studied engineering in Turkey, Michigan, and the University of Alabama. He became a U.S. citizen in 1951 and began his career with the nation’s first and largest modern store fixture company in Detroit, Michigan. It was there that Öztekin realized the need for flexible, sturdy, attractive, and durable display units.

Returning to Alabama in 1956, Öztekin created the Dixie Craft Manufacturing Company in Goodwater to manufacture steel shelving and belt-driven, automatic checkout counters for retail merchandising. Dixie Craft grew into Madix Corporation, a national leader in retail merchandising.

Öztekin patented the world’s first unitized single-piece adjustable steel shelves and uprights with integrated roll formed parts, still used today as engineered display solutions for food and other retail products.

The Kent Corporation originally occupied a location in the Southside area of Avondale but quickly outgrew that facility. In 1962 a new custom-built facility was built in Pinson Valley. Steady growth has required numerous additions to the facility, which today occupies approximately 300,000 square feet of space.

Kent manufactures in excess of 20,000 parts for the shelving needs of a wide spectrum of businesses under the

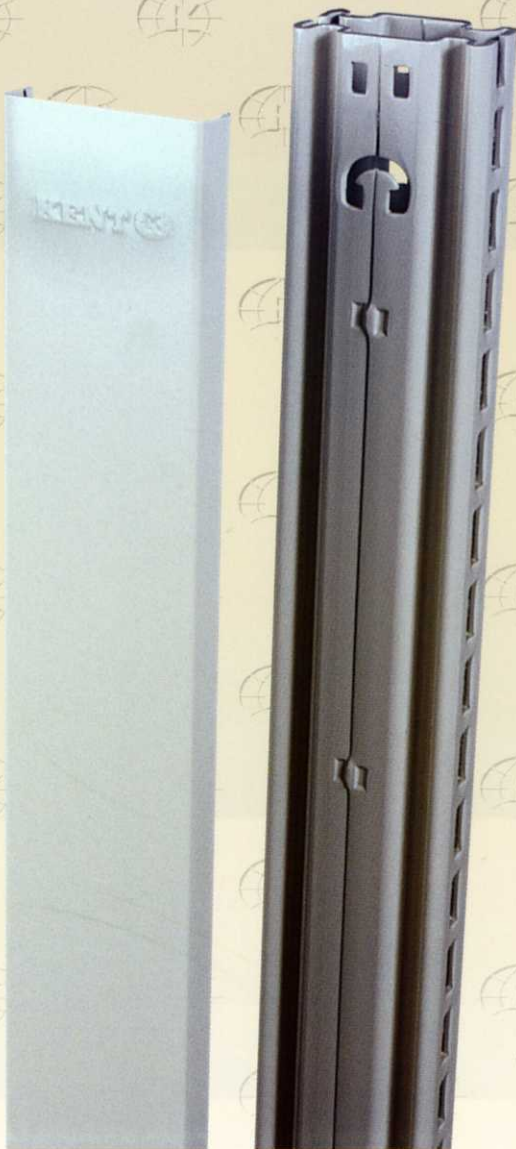
patents held by Öztekin. Their unique design allows for almost tool-free installation at the customer’s site. They are produced in a highly automated factory that features the first, and only four, 15,000 gallon tanks electro-coat system in the store fixture industry. The company also offers state-of-the-art powder coat painting to allow for numerous color combinations.

Öztekin’s love of the University of Alabama has resulted in establishment of The Öztekin family Endowed Scholarship for students enrolled in the College of Engineering.

The Kent Corporation is located at Kent Road and Pinson Highway in Birmingham. For more information about the company, visit www.kentcorp.com on the Internet.



Upright



Kent uprights are manufactured from heavy gauge steel for strength and versatility. The design is two-piece construction, roll-formed for consistency and supplied in one-piece sizes up to 120" tall. A unique mushroom shaped tab on the upright locks the Tie Bar in place without bending inserts.

Unlike "box type" designs, Kent uprights may be used without upright end trim because there are no corners or attachments from which protection must be given.

The standard upright in the industry is 2.5" wide. In addition to this standard, Kent supplies an upright that is 3.0" wide which provides extra strength and stiffness when needed.



Kent uprights boast an Electrocoating finish which eliminates rust and fights bacterial growth inside the upright, places where insects can hide.

Kent products are Electrocoated for 100% coverage, inside and out, top to bottom.

There are no runs, sags, blisters or "orange-peel" effects from Electrocoating.

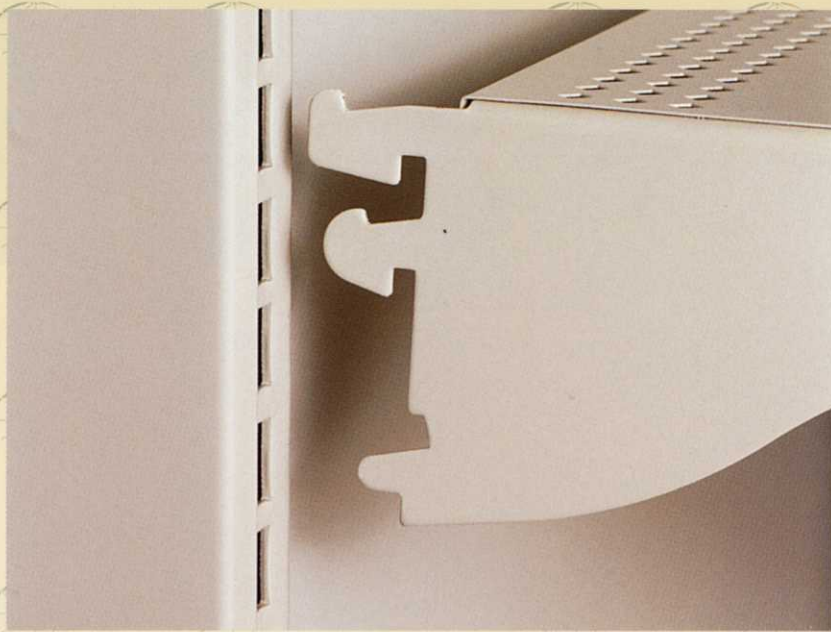
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Universal Shelf & Shelf Jacket



Kent manufactures a "Universal" shelf that fits most major manufacturers' uprights. This shelf incorporates Kent features of drop-in style brackets, multi-positions, 1-1/4" integral tag molding, and superior Electrocoated finish. Like all Kent's standard shelves, this "Universal" shelf has the straight-insertion style bracket that eliminates wasted movement of merchandise or unaffected shelves during resets or merchandising changes. Anyone who has ever struggled with a "tilt-in" type shelf, that cannot be added until the shelf above is unloaded and removed, will appreciate this standard feature. Ask your merchandisers what they prefer!



For shelving which has aged beyond its years, Kent can give your old fixtures a "new" look without replacing the entire section. Electrocoated shelf jackets that fit over tag-molding shelves will add new-life where it is needed most. Fitted for most major manufacturers' base or upper shelves, these covers simply slip on without removing the existing shelves.

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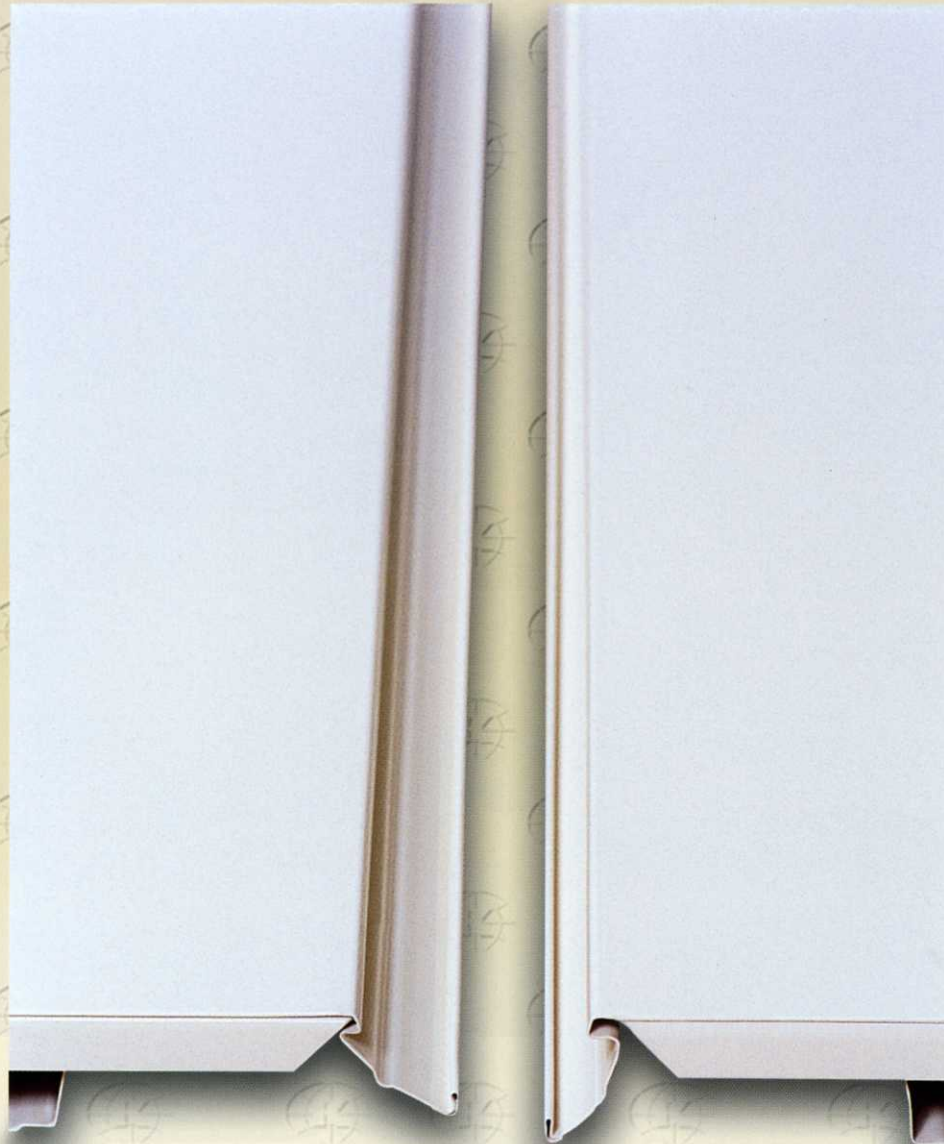


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Uptilt Base Shelf Molding



**New 55° Integral
Base Shelf**

**Standard
Base Shelf**

Can your customers read your base shelf price tag information? Do you continue to have fixture concerns about **ADA requirements**? Or...have you added expensive metal extrusions to your fixture's base and/or upper shelves to be able to read the base shelf tag?

In either case...Kent has the answer!

Kent's new 55° integral base shelf tag molding provides optimal visibility of base shelf price tags, and does it without costly special plastic or metal extrusions.

And, if your fixtures require a no-tag angled front shelf style, Kent offers a 1-1/4" wide shelf face that accepts UPC tags and product pricing. This new feature combines the sleek and elegant style of Kent shelves with functional aspects of UPC/EDP shelf management and inventory systems.

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