



CAW LOCAL 127

Daymond Aluminum



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Daymond Aluminum has been in business in Chatham since 1939, and used to operate on Lacroix St. In 1978 the Company moved to its current 185000 square foot location on Irwin St. Daymond manufactures aluminum components and assemblies for the automotive, trucking, building trades and sporting goods industries. It specializes in aluminum extrusion, fabrication, anodizing and CNC machining. Currently its largest customer is Mytox, a division of Magna International, who produce automotive running boards. For Mytox, Daymond extrudes and fabricates the aluminum components for running boards for the Lincoln Navigator, Cadillac Escallade, Mercury Mountaineer, Ford F-150 pick up, Ford Explorer, Buick Enclave and Chevy Envoy.

In 1979 the workers at Daymond choose the UAW as its union to represent their interests. In 1982 the workers were forced into a prolonged 13-week strike to maintain their cost of living formula and gain a modest pension. Still today, both issues are under attack from the employer.

In its peak employment, there were 180 CAW members at this unit. Today, for a variety of reasons beyond the workers control, there are currently 63 active members for whom the struggle continues.



Anodized Aluminum



CNC Machine



Aluminum Billet