

## #Cast Steel Wheels Overview

### \_From the Early Days of Mining To Modern Use\_



Reliance Foundry's 1949 location

One of the world's leading suppliers of cast steel wheels is located in British Columbia, Canada. They are Reliance Foundry and were started back in 1927 when workers in the local foundry industry decided to set up their own shop.

At that time, one of their main products was cast steel wheels for mining carts. These mine cart wheels were known as "mucker wheels" and were attached to ore carts that were essential to the mining process. The local mining industry soon took notice of the quality of Reliance Foundry's wheels. In the 1950's to 1960's about 80% of Reliance Foundry's products were destined for the local mining companies.

Reliance Foundry has become a fixture in its local community and its legacy now spans several generations. Longtime Reliance Foundry employees have fond memories of visiting the Reliance Foundry factory as children, seeing steel wheels everywhere!

Reliance Foundry continued to produce a variety of other high-quality steel products over the decades. Other industries that Reliance Foundry produced products for included the forestry industry.

In the mid-1960's the majority of their customer base shifted to the local forestry industry, who became their largest customer. But it would not be long before Reliance Foundry began supplying a global market.

Reliance Foundry produced its last steel wheels in 2004 and since then has been sourcing steel wheels from a variety of global suppliers, assuring their worldwide customers the same level of quality as they've always had. Ever conscious of market demands, Reliance Foundry has continued to deliver the same quality products at competitive prices.



Reliance Foundry's current logo

Today, the design of Reliance Foundry's steel wheels are still highly regarded by their customers, who

consistently seek them out for many industrial applications. Reliance Foundry's cast steel wheels remain very much in demand by their customers the world over.

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