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*Charter Manufacturing and Wells Manufacturing Company*



### Fact Sheet

Charter Manufacturing Company has acquired Wells Manufacturing Company, including Dura-Bar and Dura-Bar Metal Services. The acquisition means Charter adds a fourth division, focusing on specialty iron bar, to its portfolio.

#### CHARTER MANUFACTURING ([www.chartermfg.com](http://www.chartermfg.com))

**Headquarters:** 1212 W. Glen Oaks Lane, Mequon, Wis.  
**Employees:** Approximately 1,500  
**Established:** 1936  
**Ownership:** Third-generation family-owned  
**Leadership:** Chairman and CEO John A. Mellowes, grandson of founder Alfred Mellowes

#### **Divisions:**

- **Charter Steel** is a leading American supplier of carbon and alloy steel bar, rod and wire products with distribution and manufacturing facilities in Saukville, Wis. and Cuyahoga Heights and Fostoria, Ohio. Capabilities include steel melting, bar and rod rolling, coil processing and wire drawing. [www.chartersteel.com](http://www.chartersteel.com)
- **Charter Wire** of Milwaukee is the leader in cold-rolling technology and also the major supplier of precision cold finish bar, cold-rolled steel custom profiles, flat wire and standard shapes in cut-to-length and oscillate-wound coil packages for American industry. Charter Wire's unique, custom-designed process enables it to produce an infinite variety of shapes to exacting specifications in a variety of metals. [www.charterwire.com](http://www.charterwire.com)
- **Charter Automotive** is a Tier 1/Tier 2 supplier of engineered components and assemblies for the automotive industry. Headquartered in Milwaukee, with manufacturing, commercial, technical and distribution facilities in Milwaukee; Lichfield, United Kingdom; and Wuhu, Anhui Province, China, Charter Automotive is a global, direct supplier of high-volume products to original equipment manufacturers. The company is a market leader in the production of valve spring retainers, valve keys, valve spring seats, and synchromesh sliding keys. Core technologies include progressive cold forming, wire stamping and forming, high-speed grinding, automated manufacture and assembly and full-service engineering for design, testing and prototyping. [www.charterautomotive.com](http://www.charterautomotive.com)

#### WELLS MANUFACTURING COMPANY ([www.wellsmanufacturing.com](http://www.wellsmanufacturing.com))

**Headquarters:** 2100 W. Lake Shore Drive, Woodstock, Illinois  
**Employees:** 360  
**Established:** 1946  
**Ownership:** Third-generation family-owned  
**Leadership:** Chairman, President and CEO Thomas W. Wells, grandson of founder Milton K. Wells

#### **Divisions:**

- **Dura-Bar** is the only manufacturer of continuous cast iron bar stock in North America and the world's largest producer of continuous cast iron bars. Designed to machine fast and consistently – and offered with a zero-defect guarantee – Dura-Bar is not only the finest cast iron in the world, but an ideal alternative to many grades of steel, iron castings and aluminum. [www.dura-bar.com](http://www.dura-bar.com)
- **Dura-Bar Metal Services** is the leading supplier of Dura-Bar® continuous cast iron and a major distributor of bronze alloys. Customers in a variety of industries – including agriculture, construction, fluid power, industrial, oil and gas, and many more – rely on Dura-Bar Metal Services for high quality materials that help increase their profitability. The company has three locations – Woodstock, Ill.; Salisbury, N.C.; York, Penn.; and Changzhou, China. [www.dura-bars.com](http://www.dura-bars.com)