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## **Avdel® Blind Fastening Systems: Seven Decades of Value-Added Design and Assembly Solutions**

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. – The Avdel® blind fastening systems brand traces its origins to England in 1936 when Aviation Developments Ltd. set up shop to introduce a line of speed fasteners to help the fledgling aviation industry reduce assembly time and costs. Aircraft manufacturers were transitioning to all metal structures and needed a new class of fasteners to install from opposite sides of assemblies. Chobert® blind fasteners provided the solution and became a speed fastening standard, still applied today by worldwide aerospace, automotive, electronic, appliance, and construction industries.

By the early 1950s Avdel Developments had grown into a single source for a wide range of quality engineered fastening systems and installation tools. In 1961, the company changed its name to Avdel® to reflect this diversification and total solutions approach to customer requirements.

During the following decades, markets shifted to composites, high-strength thin-gauge steels, die-cast magnesium, and other non-traditional materials. Avdel met these design and assembly challenges with an array of new brands for its growing roster of global customers. These included Versa-Nut® threaded inserts, Rivscrew® PL for plastics, Avseal II compression sealing system, a full line of Avdel Speed Fastening® products, Avdelok® structural lockbolt, Autoload MK4.0 installation tool and Genesis® nG handtools, and more than 70 other fastening and assembly processes.

In 2006, Avdel became a business unit of Acument® Global Technologies with North America headquarters in Sterling Heights, Mich., a production center in Stanfield, N. C., and a distribution center in Rexdale, Ontario. Other production centers operate in the U.S., UK, Germany, and China, supported by a network of global distribution centers. Avdel world headquarters is in Welwyn Garden, UK.

As the preeminent provider of blind fastening systems and solutions, Avdel® brings value-added processes to the world's largest companies. Customer collaborations begin at the earliest stages of product development, bringing together advanced design and engineering skills built on a solid foundation of seven decades of market experience.