



.....Lessons from 20 years of exporting

Advantages you already have





IN 1998, THE INTERNET WAS NEW

YOU HAVE A POWERFUL ADVANTAGE – THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE



Sentry Protection Products

- Formed in 1998
- Spun from a building materials product company
- Initial product created new products
- Contract manufacturing
- Began exporting in 1999





Sentry's products









Export strategy

- Who would buy our products?
- Where are these customers?
- How can we reach those customers?
- Developed a 2 tier strategy
 - North America, Europe
 - Exporting to SA, Asia







Export Goals

- Expand the market size for our products
- Utilize the assets we've already created
- Diversify the base of sales



How do we reach our target markets?



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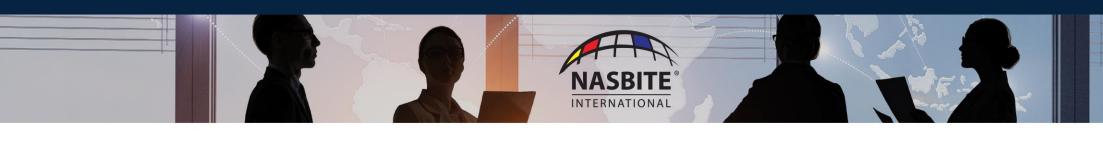
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TRADE SHOWS



UTILIZE THE RESOURCES
ALREADY GATHERED
FOR YOU



Export resources



US Commercial Service

Gold Key Service



State Export help

State offices in other markets Export Assistance Network



Resistance to our products







THIS ISN'T THE WAY
IT'S DONE

WHERE IS THE TESTING?

WHO APPROVED THIS?



Make it easy to buy









DO YOUR RESEARCH

SELL IN THE CURRENCY OF YOUR CUSTOMER

GET THE PRODUCTS TO YOUR MARKET

FIND ALLIES



Export results

- We currently sell to about 35 countries
- Exports account for 30-40% of sales
- 2006 Ohio E-Award winner
- 2014 President's E-Award













Our lessons learned

Make it a priority

2

Figure out the differences

3

Don't be timid

4

Be patient

5

Keep at it; reinvent



Thank You & Good Luck!

