

Client Resource Guide

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Grabill CABINETS EST. 1946

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Welcome



Production Facilities in Grabill, Indiana

Welcome to Grabill Cabinets.

This resource guide is your introduction to this brand. Grabill Cabinets has a long history of quality, artisan craftsmanship and has been located in Grabill, Indiana since its beginning in 1946. In November of 2021, Grabill Cabinets was bought by family-owned Ambassador Enterprises, and Revive Home Brands was formed as a holding company. This kicked off a renewed emphasis on reestablishing the brand's heritage of craftsmanship. It became a priority to return to the attributes of innovation and continuous improvement of the product and customer experience. Over the next few years, significant investments in machinery, team members, and culture were made to bring this vision to life.

We hope you enjoy this introduction and that it sparks many productive conversations.

Timeline

Vilas and Bernice Schertz move their previously off-hours business from a shed on his father's farm into Grabill, hoping it will give them full-time work. They have one employee.

1946

1956

Grabill Cabinet Co., Inc.
ESTABLISHED IN 1946

Grabill Cabinets Incorporates.

Jack Barnhisel and William Ehinger see Grabill Cabinets at a home show and come on board to set up dealerships.

~1961

1976

Vilas Schertz retires as President. The company now has 75 employees and Joseph Sommer takes over.

Scott Sommer becomes President.

1993

GRABILL QUALITY CABINETRY

1990s

Grabill has dealerships in 18 states and Bermuda.

1996

2000s

Grabill Cabinets moves into its addition of 70,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing.

Scott Sommer retires from the company. Martin Heiny takes over as President.

2003

THE GRABILL CABINET CO.
BUILDING GRABILL QUALITY SINCE 1946.

2000s

2009

Grabill
Craftsmanship. Reimagined.

2021

Grabill Cabinets is acquired by Ambassador Enterprises and Revive Home Brands.

2025

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Today



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Brand Differentiators

- Premium Brand Positioning
- Access to Curated Finish and Door Product Collections
- À La Carte Pricing
- Curated Styles with Limitations on Customization
- Select Curated and Custom Finishes
- Available in 10, 20, 40, and 60 Sheen
- Sherwin Williams Color Matching Included in Standard Pricing
- Sheens 10 and 20 Included in Pricing
- Project Grain Alignment Not Included
- Shaker Door Styles Included in Base Price, Other Door Charges Not Included
- White Birch as a standard interior, with Walnut and White Oak Rift as an upcharge
- Adjustable Door Bumper for Inset Hardware
- Acknowledgement Documentation Provided

** See Pricing in OOE for Details*

Construction and Quality



Framed inset cabinetry offers multiple inside framing profiles, with doors and drawers hand-fitted to achieve a precise 1/16” reveal. Both concealed inset and mortise exposed inset hinges are available. All finished ends and filler panels are miter locked in inset cabinetry. Built to order, every cabinet reflects proven craftsmanship and meticulous attention to detail.



Dovetail drawer boxes are crafted from 5/8” solid lumber - Maple, Walnut, or Rift White Oak - joined with precision dovetails, glued, and sanded to a seamless finish. A recessed 1/2” plywood bottom is securely captured in dado grooves, then sealed inside and out with a durable catalyzed conversion varnish.



Blum’s flagship MOVENTO runner system offers silky-smooth action, a 125lb. capacity (170 lb. heavy-duty option), and industry-leading adjustability for flawless drawer alignment. Compatible with Tip-On BLUMOTION technology for effortless push-to-open convenience when desired.

Construction and Quality (continued)



Frameless, full-access cabinetry constructed with 3/4” thick plywood and a 1/2” plywood back. Edges are banded with 1/16” solid lumber finished to match the exterior - a distinct differentiator. Wall cabinetry features finished bottoms as a standard detail, requiring no additional order modifications.



Clear rubber door and drawer bumpers are press-fit into precision-drilled holes, ensuring they stay in place for the life of the cabinet. Exclusive to frameless, full-access construction, this subtle detail eliminates the common problem of loose or missing adhesive bumpers.



Door joints receive dowels for extra strength and stability. In addition, Blum’s Clip-Top BLUMOTION hinge delivers refined performance for both framed and frameless cabinetry. In frameless installations, a sleek inline backplate creates a contemporary look. Exceptional adjustability ensures perfect door alignment, while integrated soft-close delivers a smooth, silent close every time.

Specifications are subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to modify product details to maintain continuous improvement.





Dynamic Kitchen
Design Interiors

History of Grabill Cabinets



In 1946, Vilas Schertz began building cabinets our of a chicken coop in the small town of Grabill, Indiana.

Located in the heart of the Midwest, Schertz started with simple wooden cases designed to hold a young homemaker's dishes. He took his time, giving particular attention to the details that would add strength, durability, and beauty, and quickly gained recognition for his work as a custom cabinet maker. Schertz soon moved his shop out of the chicken coop and into a larger facility, and the company flourished as people from all over the area sought his designs.

Grabill Cabinets has undergone many changes in the decades since, including outgrowing several of its facilities. At the heart of the company has remained the commitment to quality. Still made locally in Grabill, Indiana to this day, Grabill Cabinets is built on the values of blending traditional Old-World techniques with modern innovation to craft custom cabinetry at the highest standards.



The humble beginnings of Grabill Cabinets.



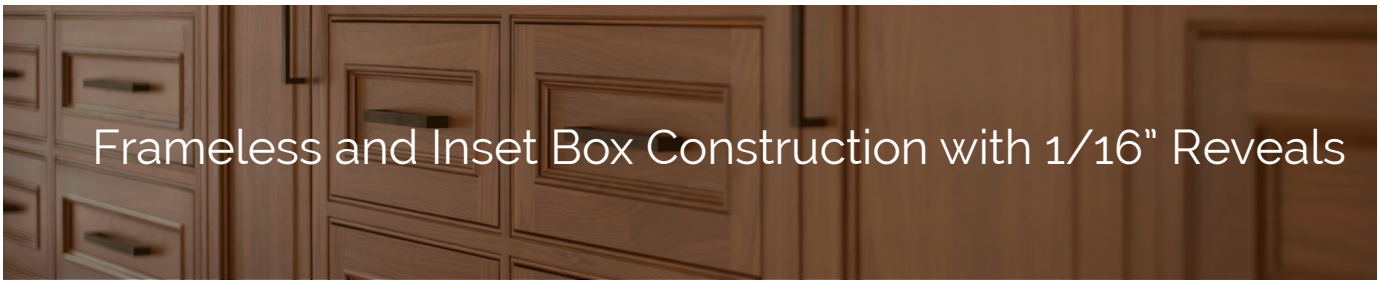
Vilas Schertz, founder of Grabill Cabinets

Why Grabill Cabinets?

Grabill Cabinets has been crafting custom cabinetry in the small town of Grabill, Indiana, since 1946. From the beginning, the company earned a reputation for exceptional quality and meticulous attention to detail. Built on a foundation that blends time-honored craftsmanship with modern technology, Grabill continues to evolve while staying true to its roots.

Our goal is to make working with us effortless by using precision technology on the production floor and innovation in the client experience. Today, we create cabinetry in both frameless and inset construction, upholding the same standards of quality and care that the company was founded on. Through our portal, partners have on-demand access to live, accurate lead times, marketing assets, and essential resources.

While technology has changed since 1946, our commitment to crafting legacies for generations to come remains unchanged.







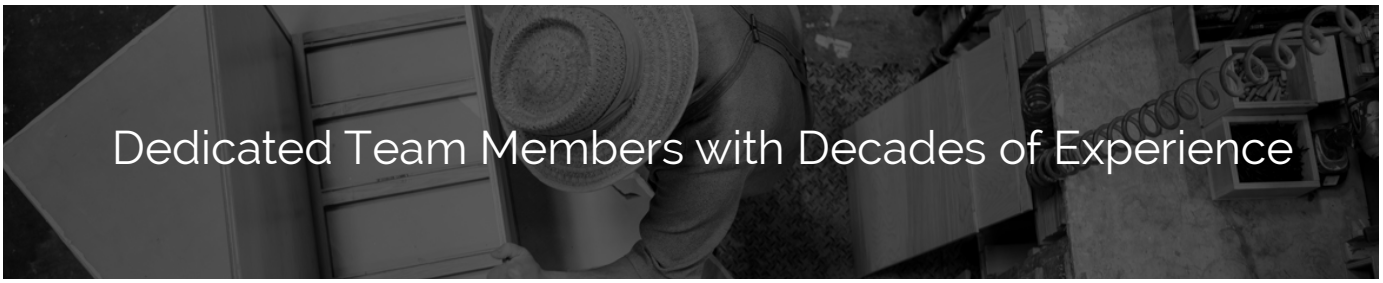


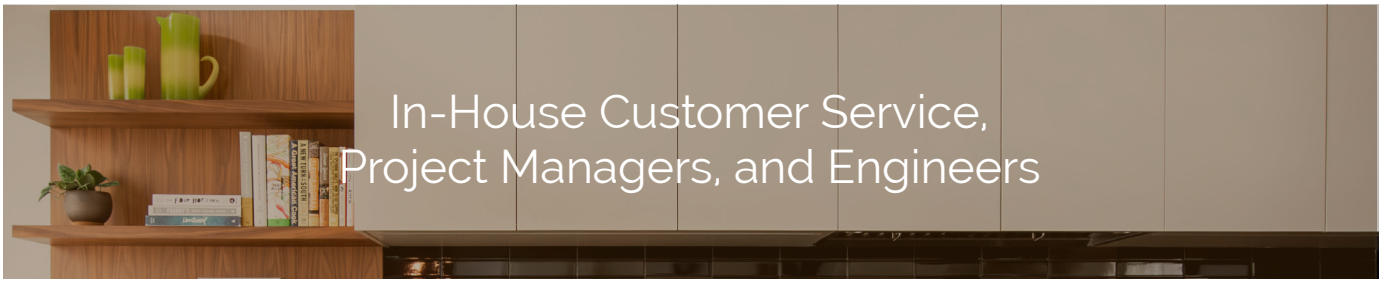

10, 20, 40, & 60 Sheen Options


Special Cerused, Brush Stroke,
Hand-dragged, Wire Brush Techniques


Custom Cabinet Modifications & Millwork


Standard Blum Inline Hinges & Movento Drawer Slides


Dedicated Team Members with Decades of Experience


In-House Customer Service,
Project Managers, and Engineers



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