

***Bradford White Corporation  
Acquires Manufacturer of Steel Tanks:  
Plans To Add Other Firms***

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Bradford White Corporation, a leading manufacturer of water heating equipment, announced today that it has purchased the **Niles Steel Tank Company** of Niles, Michigan, as the first of several planned acquisitions designed to extend Bradford White's product line offering to the water heating industry. The newly acquired firm will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Bradford White Corporation.

Niles Steel Tank Company manufactures large-volume storage tanks and is able to build tanks up to 11 feet in diameter. Like Bradford White, the firm began operations in the late 19th century. Bradford White will make substantial investments in the Niles manufacturing plant to bring it in line with Bradford White's primary manufacturing operation in Middleville, Michigan.

"Niles is a perfect fit for us," said A. Robert Carnevale, President and CEO of Bradford White. "It is a good first move in our strategic plan to broaden and strengthen our approach to the wholesale marketplace."

Leonard F. Rzepczynski, a Bradford White Vice President and 21-year veteran of the firm, has been appointed General Manager of the new subsidiary.

Bradford White Corporation is a full line manufacturer of products that heat water for domestic and hydronic uses. The company is headquartered in Ambler, PA and has manufacturing facilities in Middleville, MI.

***Visit the Niles Steel Tank website – [www.nilesst.com](http://www.nilesst.com)***