



The ADTEK Story – A Satire....

1987 - Mahendra Shah, along with John Frankhouser, founded ADTEK Engineers, Inc., fueling the largest period of economic growth in American history. The company goes on to redefine the structural and civil engineering world, while still finding the time to dominate bar-b-q sauce competitions nationwide.

1988 - ADTEK moves out of Mahendra Shah's basement and into its first office in Fairfax. Upon receiving the press release of this event, IHOP begins construction of a new restaurant directly across the street.

1990 - Mahendra Shah takes his first vacation since founding company, and then breaks his arm on first day playing racquetball. He still manages, however, to win the match.

1992 - ADTEK is awarded the Cameron Elementary School project, the first of more than 320 school projects completed in the first 19 years. After one year... test scores are up, drug use and violence are down, and the soccer team goes undefeated. Coincidence?

1993 - ADTEK completes its first light gauge project, Annapolis Harbor Shopping Center. While doing research for a new novel, Tom Clancy visits the site and bases his legendary character Jack Ryan on ADTEK Partner John Frankhouser. Harrison Ford later visits Frankhouser at ADTEK's office to begin researching the character. Frankhouser: "He got me down pretty well."

1996 - ADTEK opens its civil engineering department. Scientific analysis reveals: the grass truly is greener on the other side.

1997 - ADTEK designs light gauge framing for PSI Net Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland, home of the Ravens. NFL fans throughout the world rejoice.

1999 - ADTEK moves into a new office space. Property value of the building immediately sky rockets. A major publication lists the City of Fairfax as one of America's fastest-growing economic areas. "ADTEK Fire Antz," the companies' softball team competes in its premier event and defeats World Champion New York Yankees in exhibition game. Performer Mariah Carey leaves Derek Jeter for ADTEK's first baseman. ADTEK opens second office in Maryland, headed by longtime associate Cindy Ponafala. Cal Ripken, Jr. misses first game in 12 years to attend a gala office opening. In anticipation of adverse Y2K problems, ADTEK revolutionizes new shop drawings to show layers of duct-tape work.



2000 - ADTEK's projects receive first place awards from the Steel Joist Institute, Frederick Magazine and the American Concrete Institute. Mahendra Shah is awarded Nobel Peace Prize for mediation between East Coast and West Coast rappers. Subsequent media frenzy results in a collaboration album featuring Shah, Puff Daddy and Dr. Dre, which wins a Grammy.

2001 - ADTEK merges with Pecora Engineering of Frederick, Maryland. Mahendra Shah celebrates by entering Wrestlemania XV as The Spicy Samosa. He teams with The Rock for the tag team championship, then leaves for the Daytona to continue pursuit of third Winston Cup. Tabloids site Shah's presence at the race as a factor in Jeff Gordon's wife requesting a separation.

2002 - Announcing "It will be the biggest thing since the third Toyotathon," ADTEK trumpets the arrival of a civil team in the Frederick office and begins the development of a civil engineering series on Rylus VII and its affects on the Federation for the Sci-Fi Channel by 2004. Mark Hamill begs for the lead role.

2005 - The Delaware "nightscape" will never again be the same as ADTEK opens a new office in Hockessin, Delaware. The Company decides to take the new area by storm and complete a tour with local area business neighbor, the Delaware Theatre Troup. The Delaware Theatre Troup never recovers and the age-old question of whether Engineers can sing and dance is put to rest.

2006 - ADTEK opens Landscape Architectural department led by Donna Pivik, a Certified Arborist with 28 years of experience and a Master's degree in Land Planning, as well as successfully growing their Steel Detailing service line under their Specialty Engineering practice. The firm is then contracted by the federal government to use their LEED® accreditation expertise for a unique experimental design mission to transform recycled metals into landscape art.

2007 - A significant milestone in ADTEK's history as the company observes their 20th Year Anniversary. They develop a new logo, construct a new website and hosted a huge Anniversary bash. CNN reports this event was monumental; all of ADTEK's old acquaintances were in attendance including the entire fight crew from Wrestlemania XV... and no explanation, however, of how Hsing-Hsing widower panda bear of Ling-Ling arrived at the party. Other reports are still coming in.

Other Little Known Tidbits Originally named Advanced Technological Knowledge, Inc., the company was renamed ADTEK shortly after its founding. Try saying Advanced Technological Knowledge and you will know why.