



VOORTMAN COOKIES

BURLINGTON, ONT, CAN

Safe Food Processing Stainless Steel Stairs for Voortman Cookies



THE SITUATION

Voortman Cookies has been baking up cookies and bread since 1951 when the two Voortman brothers moved to Canada from the Netherlands. With classic cookie choices such as chocolate chip, sugar wafers, shortbread, oatmeal and windmill cookies to specialty cookies like Sugar Free and Omega 3 Flax Seed Cranberry cookies; Voortman's offers something for everyone's sweet tooth. Voortman Cookies was also one of the first companies in both Canada and the United States to ban the use of Trans fats in their production. Food production facilities become slippery with use of butter, oil, and flour as well as cleaning liquids needed in order to maintain a safe food environment. Voortman's was in need of a slip resistant portable stair case to aid in the cleanup of their production line as well as some safe fixed landings needed in order to access their cookie wire cut machine.

THE SOLUTION

Voortman Cookies supplied SlipNOT® Metal Safety Flooring with specific drawings for the job. SlipNOT® used those specifications to manufacture two (2) 1/8" thick various sized 304 stainless steel slates with kick plates and nosings and one (1) 1/8" thick 304 stainless steel channel. Voortman's then built the portable staircases and installed the plates providing safety to employees accessing the production line. The slip resistant stainless steel products can be easily sprayed with a power washer in order to maintain their high traction surface.

THE IMPACT

SlipNOT®'s durable stainless steel products were such a success for the Voortman facility that they ordered more treads and plan on using them as well in their plant. Other food processor such as Tyson, General Mills and Frito Lay have used SlipNOT® products for stair treads and platforms.