

# Herndon Products acquires 2 California distributors

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[Herndon Products](#) Inc. announced Monday it acquired MS Inserts & Fasteners Corp. and Thread Kits Co., expanding the O'Fallon, Missouri-based distributor's supply chain management capacities in aviation and aerospace.



Privately held MS Inserts & Fasteners Corp. owned Thread Kits, both based in Torrance, California.

Herndon Chief Financial Officer [Gerry Modglin](#) declined to disclose the dollar amount of the deal, which was completed June 25. Modglin said Bryan Cave provided Herndon with legal advice for the acquisition.

With the acquisitions, Herndon has expanded its warehouse capacity by 32,000 square feet, spread out among three warehouses in Torrance, California; Billerica, Massachusetts; and Sedona, Arizona.

Herndon is adding these three warehouses to the five warehouses it already has in O'Fallon, Missouri; Kent, Washington; Chambersburg and Throop, Pennsylvania; and Rock Island, Illinois.

Modglin said Herndon started looking at acquiring the two companies late in 2014. Herndon will hire 20 to 30 employees

from MS Inserts and Thread Kits combined, and Herndon itself will not make any personnel changes related to the purchase.

"MS Inserts and Thread Kits themselves laid off a few people before the acquisition was completed, though," Modglin said. He would not disclose the exact number of laid-off employees.

According to a press release, the acquisition of MS Inserts and Thread Kits will help Herndon maintain an equal balance between its customer bases in both the defense and commercial aviation and aerospace industries.