

Ohio

Robert Chapman Kocian, President The Auto Bolt Company

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Founded in 1948, Robert Chapman Kocian has owned and operated the Auto Bolt Company since 2005. For more than 65 years, the company has manufactured a range of specialty fastener products for a variety of industrial markets and applications in North America, including heavy truck and trailer, agriculture and outdoor power equipment, construction and heavy equipment, and aftermarket and high-performance racing.

Robert, who has more than 28 years of experience in the fastener industry, has led the company's resurgence and growth. Just a year after Robert acquired the company, it received a \$372 million SBA 504 loan from Certified Development Company Growth Capital Corp., which was the first of several SBA loans that has allowed Auto Bolt to realize sustained growth. In the last five years, the company

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has received six SBA 504 loans to purchase a new 100,000-square-foot industrial building and acquire manufacturing equipment. The company also received a \$140 million SBA Community Advantage Loan in 2014, which provided permanent working capital.



Auto Bolt's workforce has grown more than 35 percent, and it now employs upward of 60 employees. In addition, revenues are up more than 55 percent in the last four years. The company has provided an important economic effect to the local community. It has used lender partnerships that encourage and support comprehensive approaches to economic development.