

## ABOUT GAULHOFER NORTH AMERICA

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The most beautiful and unique homes in North America are now being custom-fitted with Gaulhofer precision-crafted wood windows and doors. Gaulhofer North America brings the best of Austrian design, technology and sustainability in an extensive line of products, including windows that effortlessly tilt and turn, and doors that slide and fold open to remarkable widths. Add in extreme security and energy efficiency features, and the widest range of exterior cladding colors, and you'll understand why Gaulhofer has made the world's best wood windows and doors for over 90 years.

### THE BEST OF NATURE AND TECHNOLOGY

Gaulhofer wood windows and doors are a perfect combination of exceptional quality materials from nature and the best manufacturing technology anywhere. Gaulhofer marries traditional values with 21st Century technology to create finely crafted products. There is literally nothing safer, smarter, more technically sound or better made on the market. Gaulhofer windows and doors beat all standards of custom design and component specifications.

### OUR PRODUCTS

We supply premium European window and door products that allow discriminating homeowners, architects, designers and builders to fulfill their design dreams.

### PRODUCT FEATURES

Truly revolutionary tilt and turn mechanics. Invite nature into your living space with our breathtaking Tilt & Turn windows and doors, and Lift & Slide folding doors. Our easy-to-use (one-handed!) Tilt & Turn technology allows you to open your windows and doors completely – and we can custom manufacture to industry leading size specifications.

The desire to live large. Gaulhofer Folding Doors and Sliding Doors can create openings of up to 16.5 feet wide and, in special custom situations, up to 33 feet wide! Tilt and turn windows can be as large as a sheet of plywood (8 feet by 4 feet) and our fixed windows can be as big as 10 feet by 5 feet.

Superb energy efficiency. Gaulhofer windows exceed all insulation standards (u-value, air infiltration, solar heat gain, decibel level), sometimes by more than double. Our optimized thermal glass spacer, Thermostop, minimizes low temperature zones around the glass edges and thermal bridging. This means lower heating costs, a more evenly maintained temperature in your home, and superb condensation protection. Energy efficiency features include argon or krypton (option) filling and low-e coated glazing.

A guaranteed clear view. You'll always enjoy a clear view, because Gaulhofer has eliminated the problem of condensation and has made staining a thing of the past. Our patented Thermostop glass pane spacing system and Dampfstop vapor barrier produces low thermal bridging values thereby virtually eliminating condensation, improving thermal insulation by 45% and creating more comfortable ambient room temperatures.

Extremely weather resistant and maintenance free. Our technically superior aluminum skin (Wood/Aluminum Clad) that allows for thermal expansion fully protects Gaulhofer wood windows from rain, snow and hail, and renders them practically maintenance free. The design has been carefully engineered down to the smallest detail to eliminate condensation formation, allow free water drainage and diffuse moisture.

An infinitely stable product. Our windows keep their shape even under the most extreme stress from all types of weather. We achieve ultimate stability and minimize warping by using triple-laminating clear edge grain wood, specialized joinery and multiple locking points.

The best possible materials. Our wooden windows are manufactured using Austria's finest clear edge-grain larch and spruce – woods chose for their resilience to extreme climatic conditions. The aluminum components of our wood/aluminum windows are the result of many years of research and development. These components are made from high-tech materials designed for long life, weather resistance, low maintenance and easy cleaning.

Built sustainably, and to last. Our windows and doors are made of sustainably harvested edge-grain larch and spruce grown in Austria's alpine forests. We chose spruce for its strength and stable properties, and larch for its ability to withstand extreme cold, hot and wet weather conditions. Our cladding is made from aluminum, a material that can be infinitely recycled. Together, these materials form a product that will last for generations: the true measure of sustainability. After all, why put all this energy into building something this good unless it is going to be around for a long time?

The ultimate in safety and security. Our windows and doors are equipped with a multi-point locking mechanism that lets fresh air in and keeps intruders out – even if they are in the tilt position. The locking system features a main lock and 2 mushroom-shaped deadbolts. Our use of intelligent pin protection makes it hard for unwanted guests to lever out your window, and our anti-drilling device protects against drilling of the window gear from the outside. Also, 'slam shut' technology (sway bar with brake) means your window can safely remain open in windy conditions. You may also choose laminated, shatterproof safety glass and high security fillings in all our products.

Distinctive, timeless design. Proven in the European marketplace, the beauty, technology and substance of Gaulhofer windows will set you apart. Gaulhofer creates a uniform look and feel to their windows and doors by using matching profiles and dimensions of frame and sash. The simple beauty and sheer elegance of our windows, doors and hardware eliminates the need for casings.

Infinite choice. Gaulhofer products are as varied as life, and turn an ordinary house into a dream home. Whether you are a homeowner, architect, designer or builder of fine homes, you will find a solution at Gaulhofer. Our windows and doors are all custom-made to size and shape, and you can choose one of the multitude of our standard colors or ask us to custom match virtually any color. We also offer a wide range of made-to-order design options, superb hardware and cool accessories such as insect screens and shutters.

## CERTIFICATIONS

- > Certified by National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) (rates thermal performance)
- > Meets or exceeds Canadian Standards Association guidelines (CSA) (structural performance and public safety)
- > Certified by American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) (structural performance and public safety)
- > Certified by the Energy Star program (energy savings) Canada, United States
- > Certified by Intertek (quality and safety standards)
- > Member of Window and Door Manufacturers Association Hallmark Certification (WDMA) (quality standards)
- > Member of Efficient Windows Collaborative (energy efficiency)

## AWARDS

Gaulhofer has been awarded the German RAL seal of quality. This award is given for high product quality and service excellence, color precision and environment-friendly products. Gaulhofer has won this prestigious award for its wood and wood/aluminum windows and doors. To us this is one of the most prestigious awards in our industry. To you it is the greatest possible assurance of receiving uniformly high quality products and service.

## OUR HISTORY

We've been involved with building fine homes in North America for 20 years, and searched the world over to find high-end wooden windows and doors that would meet our exacting standards. Only Gaulhofer's commitment to uncompromising craftsmanship and precision engineering fit the bill. In 2002, we became the North American supplier of exceptional Gaulhofer products. Since then, we've been working with homeowners, architects, designers and builders to bring light and beauty into dream homes across this vast continent. Along the way, we've earned a stellar track record for delivering products on time, in perfect shape, to the proper specs.

## OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM

### **Bernie Grosse, President**

Bernie has extensive experience building exclusive homes in North America as a finishing carpenter and construction superintendant. He received his formal carpentry and construction training in Germany (his family is originally from Bavaria) and has supplemented that with his experience completing multiple North American custom home projects. Bernie's product knowledge is exceptional, and he specializes in creating custom solutions that set a project apart. Bernie lives with his wife and sons on the West Coast of Canada, on Vancouver Island.

### **Eva Hamstra, Vice-President**

Eva's expertise lies in business and project management. She is the 'go to' person for estimating, assisting with design options, sorting out project details, and handling delivery logistics. She is also the main contact for dealers across North America. Eva builds solid relationships with customers and contractors, and is always available to answer any and all queries. She lives on Vancouver Island with her husband and three kids.

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