



## **JACK E. BUDNICK**

### **Purchasing Manager**

Jack E. Budnick is Purchasing Manager at AbsolutAire. In this role, he is responsible for all aspects of the company's purchasing requirements, including supplier-cost analysis, commodity and component sourcing, volume-pricing negotiations, and delivery-inventory scheduling. In addition, Jack lends support and expertise in other areas, including product management, liaison to MRP developers, engineering, and information technologies such as the interactive website.

Jack began his AbsolutAire career in 1992, during the company's first year of operation. He joined the firm in production, first in the shipping department, then as an assembler, and later as a quality supervisor. Jack helped to design and launch the shop contract-labor practice that ensures controlled piece-rate costs. He also established and managed AbsolutAire's intensive Quality Assurance Program, while he served as Shop Foreman for more than four years

Prior to being named to his current position as Purchasing Manager in early 2005, Jack spent more than three years in product management, following almost ten years in production. He is the eldest son of AbsolutAire's president, Jack W. Budnick.

Currently, Jack is attending Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. He is maintaining a GPA of 3.98 as he nears completion of bachelor's degree requirements in computer science, theory & analysis. Prior to joining AbsolutAire in the early-1990s, Jack attended Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., where he undertook a pre-med curriculum.

Jack is married and a devoted father of three children, a son and two daughters. He and his wife Michelle, who is currently employed as a lab supervisor at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, met while both were attending MSU. Jack enthusiastically supports his young son's participation in sports, especially hockey. Jack also thoroughly enjoys golfing, fishing, hunting and other outdoor activities such as springtime morel mushroom hunting.

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