

## **J. Stephen Nitschke**

### **J. Stephen Nitschke Vice President (Retired) GlassTech, Inc.**



Steve graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He earned his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh while working for Westinghouse Electric Computer Systems Division.

In 1972, Steve joined Glasstech, Inc. as a project engineer, supervising construction and startup of architectural glass tempering systems in many U.S. cities. As Manager of Customer Service, later Vice President – Product Development, then Chief Operating Officer, Steve led the team which developed Glasstech’s hugely successful Quick Sag Automotive Bending and Tempering System. This system was licensed by glassmakers around the world, many times replacing internally developed systems.

Steve and his team also created the Glasstech Deep Bend IV Automotive Bending and Tempering system which is also an important production system used by most glassmakers for the past twenty years, capable of tight tolerances on difficult parts. Steve is a primary inventor on more than a dozen U.S. patents in glass fabrication. He also has two patents on the Vend-It CT-3 ventless counter top frying machine.