

Always Superior... Quality Without Compromise since 1976



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#### History

Since 1976, A&S Case Company, Inc. has been the leader in the design and manufacture of ATA Spec 300 Category 1 compliant reusable shipping and carrying cases. Our quality and service is "Always Superior" because nobody can match the enduring quality of our products or our level of commitment to our customers. For over thirty years, A&S has been the consistent choice of traveling professionals the world over, with a leading presence in the U.S. and international markets. Our ability to innovate has put us at the cutting edge of the industry, allowing us to provide custom solutions for customers in a wide variety of fields with specific needs.

We would like to thank all of our longtime customers and welcome new customers to A&S, and we look forward to continuing to serve your needs.

#### **Mission Statement**

A&S Case Company, Inc. is dedicated to providing "Always Superior" solutions and service to our customers. Our measure of success is based upon our ability to provide:

- · Always superior quality
- $\cdot$  Always superior design and manufacturing
- · Always superior service second to none
- Always innovating to meet the competitive needs of the professional markets we serve

From our inception in 1976, our singular focus has been to be the ATA case company that professionals rely upon to meet their needs.

#### **Cases Overview**

Our flagship product is the reusable shipping case that is compliant with ATA Spec 300 Category 1 specifications. As a lightweight option to wood cases, we offer these same-styled cases in a hex plastic material. A&S also exclusively engineers FlyWeight<sup>™</sup> which is our lightest weight material and offers a 60% wood weight reduction on ATA cases. For local transport and an inexpensive option, we make poly cases out of .080 Polyethylene sheeting. This material is cut, bent, and riveted to form a custom-fitted shell around any piece of equipment. No matter what case style you purchase, you can be assured that it is Always Superior.



## Racks

We manufacture racks of all specifications to suit your rack-mountable case needs. Our Kriz-Kraft brand, the strongest rack case in the industry, offers easily removable doors to give you more options.



A&S 4 Space 2" Shockmount Rack



Kriz-Kraft 6 Space 2" Shockmount Rack



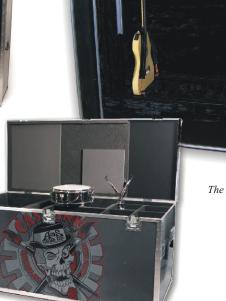


#### **Music**

We are the top choice for music professionals and have made cases for virtually every top touring artist over the last 30 years.



Cabinet/Speaker Case



The A&S Axe Box ^ M



Amp/Head Case

# Workbox/Workstation/Wardrobe



Envision what you want in a workstation, workbox, or wardrobe case, and we will create it. Design your case with any number of special options, such as table legs in the lid, a rack, an ironing board, or foam cut-outs for all of your various needs.

Drum Case with Case  $\mathit{Ink}^{\mathsf{TM}}$ 





## Aerospace/GSA





We manufacture cases that are compliant with ATA Spec 300 Category 1 specifications, as well as most MIL-SPEC /MIL-STD standards. Some of these special options are:

- Water-tight container with gasket
- Relief valve
- RH-Indicator
- Desiccant Canister
- Custom interior nesting
- Free of FOD (Foreign Objects Debris)
- Meets most MIL-SPEC, NASA & Federal Government Standards
- Aluminum skids option

Aerospace Tooling Case

## Entertainment/Production-Camera/Sound/Lighting

As the choice of entertainment industry professionals for over thirty years, we have the understanding and experience to customize cases to best protect your equipment for the long haul.





# **Special Industry**

Some industries have exceptionally specific needs, and that's why they come to us. Our expertise gives us the ability to adapt and innovate in order to create cases that will protect even the most unique equipment.



Mobile Video Editing Station



FlyWeight<sup>™</sup> Tool Case used in Champ Car Racing Series







#### Kriz-Kraft

In addition to Kriz-Kraft racks, we offer a variety of products constructed with this solid body design.

The **A&S Nest**<sup>™</sup> provides unbelievable ease of use at a venue & negates the need to hire show labor to set-up the plasma screen at trade shows since this can all be easily done by one person in just minutes. Your screen never leaves the protection of the case! The screen rises out of the case on a uniquely simple & quiet screw lift. If you choose, it can quietly swivel 180° in either direction.

The A&S Kriz-Kraft Studio & Road **Rack™** directly addresses concerns regarding un-wanted noise, constructed with a sound-absorbing carpet exterior & super quiet cooling fans. These uniquely engineered fans move air up through the rack mounted gear & then back down through the shock & sound absorbent foam, exiting near the floor for minimal disruption of air & sound movement. For studio use, this case has a sealed Plexiglas door allowing all the gear to be seen during the recording session. For the road, A&S understands the unknown rigors of the road & provides a carpeted plywood door for essential "must have" protection.







Cooling Fans On Moving 100 Cubic Feet of Air Per Minute

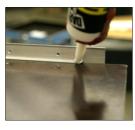


#### The A&S Advantage

At A&S, our motto of "Always Superior" means that our quality and service is always superior to the competition—without compromise. That's our advantage.

It all starts at the beginning. Instead of using common basic interior ply or luan, we use the far more durable ACX fir plywood for our cases. ACX exterior fir is our standard wood, with minimal voids for a much more durable case. We construct our cases so that there is a load-bearing wall, and we enforce this construction by split-riveting the corners onto the case for the strongest possible rivet bond. Split rivets are driven into place with 2500+ pounds of pressure so that they grip the other side of the wood—unlike pop rivets, which only attach the corners.

We manufacture cases that are compliant with ATA Spec 300 Category 1 specifications as well as most standards of the MIL-SPEC. /MIL-STD. so they are more capable to handle all of the wear and tear that comes with travel.







On all standard ATA cases, we laminate .040 fiberglass, ABS plastic or aluminum panels to ACX fir ply, secured in place by custom-extruded aluminum edging with machine-driven steel split rivets every 3" on center, along with heavy-duty recessed twist latches and spring-loaded handles. Other features include heavy 14-gauge steel ball corners, steel clamps and durable foam lining. We use a superior grade of foam, ELE, which is proven to have a longer life expectancy than the commonly used ESTER. In addition, our years of experience in industrial rentals and other markets has taught us that using a thicker 3/4" caster board makes our cases endure the rigors of the road better.



Our cases are designed and manufactured to order, and our goal is to make your concept a reality. You work directly with the sales engineer who will design your case either in person, over the phone, or via email so you get exactly what you want with no room for error. Between our experienced Sales & Design team and the thousands of templates on hand, we can make a case for anything you want. At A&S, we see the most complex project as an opportunity to deliver solutions to our customers. Our team's deep product knowledge and experience helps you realize your vision so that we can provide you with the best case to suit your needs. Because the average experience level in our factory is over ten years in the business, you can be assured that A&S will deliver the Always Superior quality and consistency we promise.



## The A&S Advantage (cont'd)

A large number of custom options are available to address your specific needs, including table legs in the lid of a case, telescoping handles, dolly wheels, workman's lamps, electrical outlets, and more. You tell us what you want, and we make it a reality.

We take pride in the Always Superior craftsmanship of each case, inside and out. The craftsmanship that goes into our custom drawers and workboxes, for example, is at a level envied but not matched by the competition.

We use 1/2" ply to cover the face of the drawers to further fortify their construction. We also extend the laminated 1/2" plywood out to hide slides, which not only enhances the strength of the case but also enhances the visual appeal of the case.

As further evidence of our commitment to quality, all of our drawers are installed with ACCO full-extension ball bearing slides for easier opening and closing.

We have a specialist on site who sews our plush linings into our cases for an incredibly polished look. We use a high-grade material that is fitted and darted to eliminate excess fabric, tailoring the interior of the case to exacting standards. We challenge anyone to compare our interiors to those of our competition.

Again, A&S quality is Always Superior.











#### The A&S Advantage (cont'd)

In 2005 we acquired the assets to Kriz-Kraft, a unique case design that allows our customers even more choices when selecting a case to fit their needs. Working exclusively with Stins, the owner, we learned his unique design and manufacturing processes for the Kriz-Kraft racks first-hand. Because A&S quality met his standards, he has trusted us to continue serving his clientele. Always innovating to meet our customers' needs, we feel fortunate to be able to exclusively offer this line as another option to consider when selecting the best rack for you.

The basic construction of the Kriz-Kraft rack varies from our standard design in a few ways.

The Kriz-Kraft design is, undoubtedly, the strongest rack case in the industry. This strength comes from two factors: 1) a contiguous box providing the highest structural integrity achievable, and 2) all Kriz-Kraft racks are built using 1/2" ACX fir plywood and 1/2" European birch plywood. Once the box is constructed, the doors are then precision-cut in the front and rear panels and fitted with a proprietary door jam and U-channel to provide a meticulous fit without impairing the structural characteristics unique to this design.





Additionally, this design encapsulates the foam that provides shock-absorbent characteristics in a manner that dramatically reduces its degradation over time by environmental and human causes. While the Kriz-Kraft case is stronger than the traditional rack case made of 1/2" ACX fir plywood, it is lighter, more maneuverable, and quicker to set up and take down at a jobsite or gig. The photos above show both our standard and Kriz-Kraft lines and illustrates their differences. Both designs are excellent, allowing us to provide you with even more options to suit your specific case needs.



The durability of A&S cases is best expressed by how well they hold up over time and how long customers use our cases. We often hear from customers that they have had an A&S case since 1976 and that although it has taken many beatings, it still protects their equipment and is in solid working condition. One of these cases is still in operation at the largest equipment rental house in the United States, Studio Instrument Rentals, better known as SIR.

The A&S advantage in producing Always Superior cases ensures that you will receive the best quality and service in the business, bar none.



## Materials

#### Woods/Plastics

For most cases, we use ACX fir ply, which is a higher-quality wood than the industry standard. We also offer more options for cases requiring an even higher-grade wood. For cases that need to be more lightweight, instead of our standard wood we offer a hex plastic material. This material is about half the weight of the wood, and it is a durable option for cases that do not need to meet the ATA Spec Category 1 requirement. The most durable and lightest weight material we offer on ATA cases is FlyWeight<sup>™</sup> which is an excellent premium option to save money on shipping costs.

#### **Exteriors**

ABS plastic, aluminum stucco finish, and fiberglass (a.k.a. Filon) are available in a variety of colors. ABS has a more hair-cell textured surface, whereas fiberglass has a glossy veneer. Both are equally protective exterior finishes. Upon request, we can also apply Formica or its equivalent to the exterior.



#### Interiors

We offer a large variety of fabrics with which to line the interior of your case. These are tailored and sewn into your case by a specialist on site, creating an incredibly polished and professional look.

Black Velvet Blue Velvet Burgundy Velvet Red Velvet Black Crush Velvet Blue Crush Velvet Blue Moss Crush Velvet Red Crush Velvet Silver Crush Velvet

Materials

Cougar Jaguar Pony Snow Leopard Zebra Tiger Black Carpet Gray Carpet

#### Hardware

Only the best-quality hardware is used, helping to ensure the strongest possible construction. We also offer a variety of options to suit your specific needs.

Visit our website www.ascase.com for the latest information on available options.

# **NOW MORE THAN EVER...** A&S CASES DELIVER MAXIMUM P.C.E.<sup>™</sup> PROTECTION!

AsS Case Company has been an industry leader in transporting P.C.E. -- Performance Critical Equipment" -- for over 30 years. As the undisputed authority of A.T.A. flight & road cases, we offer a world of service and protection that always delivers Peace Of Mind to all our customers. The outcome is a complete line of products that exemplifies the confidence, dependability and superior quality with which the A&S brand is synonymous.



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