

Bassett to open upholstery facility



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A furniture company is expanding its business in Newton.

Bassett Furniture announced Monday it will reopen an upholstery facility in Newton by the end of May, which will be compiled of current and new employees. The new plant is expected to manufacture a new line of sofas, loveseats, chairs and pillows for Bassett's store and independent retailers.

According to a press release, the new line will include 10 new frames and 20 mix and match pillows that will be covered under the same warranty offered to current Bassett products.

"Our upholstery manufacturing team takes great pride in the precision of their craftsmanship and the speed of their delivery," said Robert H. Spilman Jr., president and chief executive officer at Bassett. "The efficiency of our cellular manufacturing processes has been the hallmark of Bassett's leading service proposition for several years now. This new line will be available to ship to our retailers within two to three days. We believe we'll be able to use these new products to expand distribution and to drive traffic to our stores.

"In a time when more and more domestic furniture manufacturing has shifted overseas, we are elated to be able to take advantage of a strong workforce in Newton and introduce a new segment to our upholstery line, made right here in the United States."

Bassett has 430 employees at its Newton complex.

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