

US*MADE MEMBER PROFILE



QUEEN TACKLE
Catawba, North Carolina
Founded in 2016



Who we are: Queen Tackle is a family-owned business run by Jeff Queen and his son, KJ Queen.

What we do: Queen Tackle is an outdoor & sporting goods company that creates and sells fishing tackle, featuring jigs, shaky heads, swing heads, and weights.



Switchblade Tungsten Bladed Jig

Why they joined US*MADE: Jeff Queen manufactures some of the best fishing tackle in the world from his tiny shop small facility in Catawba, N.C. Jeff's son, champion bass sport fisherman KJ Queen, is one of the many anglers who use the Queen Tackle Tungsten Jig. Jeff never expected to be sued for patent infringement. He had to dip into his own 401(k) savings plan just to pay legal fees before finally agreeing to settle a case he believed had no merit just to stop the costly litigation. Half of all patent lawsuits in the U.S. are filed against American manufacturing companies. While many of those lawsuits are filed against large companies, some are against small American manufacturers like Queen Tackle, who can't afford the millions in legal fees it costs to defend against even baseless claims of patent infringement. Jeff joined US*MADE because he believes no American manufacturer should have to suffer the same experience he did.

