

- W G Durant Corporation

Fire began in the night as liquid paint ignited. Fire spread to the entire roof structure in minutes and to the engineering department shortly after. The fire department was unable to contain the fire from the entire facility. With fire sprinklers spraying, the roof of the engineering department collapsed onto the Easi File cabinets below. According to Wil Durant, founder and CEO, "the drawings were virtually undamaged" because the cabinets did not collapse and all drawings were suspended in space, not touching any exterior surface so that fire and water did not get to the originals stored". Wil later said "We would have been out of business had it not been for the Easi Files, because we had no other backup drawings to rely on". He then added, "There is one improvement I would suggest, some of the long drawings were slightly wet on the very bottom because the water that seeped in around the door and lid cracks accumulated enough to reach them. You need to put a drain hole in the bottom". Since 1989 drain holes are standard.

- US Navy, Florida

The Naval facility in south Florida took hard hits during the hurricane seasons of 2003, 2004 and 2005. Twenty six Easi File cabinets were bombarded with salt spray and severe wind conditions, leaving the exterior of the files in poor shape. According to the Navy person at the facility, "The files are a mess but the drawings are in perfect condition, so we want to purchase 26 more because they did the job". In October, 2005, new replacement files were delivered.