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Overview of the history of B. Braun

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| <p>1839 Founding of the company: On June 23, Julius Wilhelm Braun purchases the Rosen-Apotheke, a pharmacy in Melsungen.</p> <p>1908 Start of industrial production of catgut, a sterile suture material.</p> <p>1925 B. Braun establishes its first foreign production in Milan, Italy.</p> <p>1930 Start of production of Sterofundin, the basis of all subsequent infusion solutions.</p> <p>1951 Perfusor, the first mechanical injection pump for continuous infusion.</p> <p>1956 First medical use of plastics (IV solution containers).</p> <p>1962 Launch of Braunüle®, the first one-piece plastic cannula for continuous infusion.</p> <p>1966 Establishment of the B. Braun Foundation with a view to promoting education and further training of doctors and nursing professionals.</p> <p>1968 Acquisition of Laboratórios Americanos S. A.; start of business operations in Brazil.</p> <p>1971 Conversion into a stock corporation.</p> <p>1972 Start of business operations in Asia: First production facility in Penang, Malaysia.</p> | <p>1976 B. Braun acquires a controlling interest in Aesculap AG.</p> <p>1977 Ludwig Georg Braun becomes Chairman of the Board of Management.</p> <p>1979 Foundation of B. Braun of America, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA.</p> <p>1992 Opening of the new PfiEFFewiesen facility (designed by architect James Stirling).</p> <p>1995 Opening of the Aesculap Academy in Tuttlingen.</p> <p>1997 Largest single acquisition in the company's history: McGaw, Inc., California, USA.</p> <p>1997 Ecoflac plus, semi-rigid container for infusion solutions.</p> <p>1998 Aesculap AG & Co KG is incorporated into the B. Braun Group as the Aesculap Division.</p> <p>1998 Introcan Safety: First Passive Safety IV Catheter with safety clip technology.</p> <p>1998 OrthoPilot, a computer-assisted navigation system for surgical interventions in knee and hip arthroplasty.</p> <p>2001 Opening of the Europa Building at the PfiEFFewiesen site.</p> <p>2001 Start-up of operations of the Benchmark Factory in Tuttlingen, a production facility for implants.</p> |
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- 2003 B. Braun Space, a portable infusion system featuring barcode technology.
- 2005 Opening of the „Leading Infusion Factory Europe" (L.I.F.E.), Europe's most state-of-the-art production facility for infusion solutions.
- 2009 SeQuent® Please, a new, paclitaxel releasing coronary balloon catheter.
- 2009 B. Braun adopts largest investment program in the company's history (1.6 billion euros between 2011 and 2014).
- 2010 Start-up of operations of the Central Laboratory and the new production plant for dialyzers and infusion pumps in Melsungen.
- Completion of the new production facility for nutrition solutions.
- 2011 Dr. Heinz-Walter Große takes over as Chairman of the Management Board from Prof. Dr. h. c. Ludwig Georg Braun.

With Otto Philipp Braun, the sixth generation of the owner family joins the Management Board.

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