

164 years FAUN

The story of FAUN in detail

1845

Foundation of firm Justus Christian Braun sets up a gun metal casting works in Nuremberg, where mainly bells were cast.

1868

At a fire service equipment exhibition J. C. Braun receives 1st prize for his first mobile fire fighting sprayer.

1893

Expansion of the fire fighting equipment programme through the takeover of the production programme of the Nuremberg firm Fischer & Stahl. The history of waste-collection vehicles from 1908 to the present time.

1908

Production of road spraying trucks, refuse collection vehicles and street sweepers.

1913

Takeover of factory units by Karl Schmidt.

1916

Unification of the works in Ansbach and Nürnberg into 'Fahrzeugwerke Ansbach und Nürnberg AG', from which the initial letters form the name 'FAUN'.

1928

The first rotating drum refuse collection vehicle is developed.

1929

Delivery of the first automatic pick-up street cleaning vehicle.

1943

Complete destruction of the FAUN-WORKS due to the effects of war.

1944

Purchase of the works premises at Lauf a. d. Pegnitz and start of the reconstruction.

1946

Resumption of the refuse collection vehicle production after the war.

1950

Resumption of development and production of street cleaning vehicles.

1. October 1969

Takeover of works units of the firm Büssing in Osterholz-Scharmbeck by FAUN-Werke. Execution of major repairs on the special vehicles supplied by FAUN to the Bundeswehr (armed forces) and running repairs on all vehicles of the FAUN range for the area of Northern Germany.

1970

Additional incorporation of the production of different types of the overall FAUN supply range.

1971

At the end of the year since the takeover of the OHZ works 292 New vehicles were built and 251 Major repairs were carried out.

1972

Considerable investment provides jobs and offers the prerequisites for economic production.

1973

New organisation carried out in the whole of the FAUN business area. The Osterholz works takes over the municipal vehicles product group as an economically independent profit centre and is responsible for the development, construction, production, distribution and customer service of these vehicles. The production programme for the most diverse disposal and cleaning tasks comprises various types of Refuse collection vehicles and Cleaning vehicles.

1974

Development of the new generation of pneumatically collecting cleaning vehicles and expansion of the municipal vehicle range through the incorporation of Canal cleaning vehicles into the production and distribution programme.

1975

In addition to the production of over 200 vehicles from the municipal vehicle programme, the development of the first larger export orders for North Africa for the Near and Middle East whilst in addition 862 small cross-country vehicles (KRAKA) were built. Since the takeover of the works more than 2.000 new vehicles have been produced and more than 1.000 major repairs carried out.

1976

Set up of a dealer network in Europe and expansion of the overall export activities.

1978

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1979

Presentation of a new development of cleaning vehicles directed towards the protection of the environment (AK 436), fuel saving, low in noise, reduced exhaust, in collaboration with the Bundesministerium für Forschung und Technologie (BMFT) - Federal Ministry for Research and Technology.

1980

The domestic refuse collection vehicle programme is extended by a new range of compression refuse collection vehicles that are universally usable for domestic and commercial refuse collection (FHP types) whilst the cleaning vehicle range is extended at the lower end by the introduction of a small, mechanically collecting city cleaning vehicle (AK 316).

1981

A "record breaking" contract for 575 cleaning vehicles with a total value of almost 100 million DM, including spare parts, is concluded with the State of Iraq. Initially approximately 500 municipal vehicles are manufactured.

1982

Conclusion of the investment programme for the works modernisation. Installation of large CNC controlled machine tools and robots. In total the amount invested was around 15 million DM. The production and distribution result initially exceeds 600 municipal vehicles.

1983

Takeover of KUKA Umwelttechnik, Augsburg by FAUN. The whole production unit for the KUKA municipal vehicles is moved to Osterholz. The amalgamation of the FAUN and KUKA types offers a wide range to cover all the tasks of town cleaning and refuse disposal. After 10 years in Osterholz-Scharmbeck FAUN is now the market leader in Germany and also the largest municipal vehicle manufacturer in Europe. The work force reaches approximately 600 employees.

1984 - 1985

A consolidation phase is entered upon. The sales organisation is reinforced both at home and abroad. The FAUN business group is converted into a joint-stock company. The Osterholz works with its municipal activities comes within the Environmental Technology business sector in the new company structure.

1986

The O & K Orenstein & Koppel AG, Berlin/Dortmund, internationally operating suppliers of construction machines and equipment, takes over the majority of the shares in FAUN AG. The Environmental Technology business sector achieves a turnover of more than 90 million DM.

1st January 1987

In observance of a Cartel Office decision O & K sells the whole Environmental Technology business sector to the Schmidt family of Nuremberg, the former owners of FAUN AG. The former Environmental Technology business sector becomes an autonomous firm and now trades as FAUN Umwelttechnik GmbH. Thus the Osterholz works is the proven production works of FAUN municipal vehicles for the future and the 100 year old tradition of FAUN municipal vehicles is continued here at Osterholz.

1989

FAUN takes over the marketing for Germany from Kahlbacher, Kitzbühel, producer of winter service equipment.

FAUN acquires a 50% shareholding in MÜLLER Umwelttechnik GmbH & Co. KG, Schieder-Schwalenberg. With the target direction of a unified Europe FAUN takes over the marketing for the complete range of MÜLLER wet waste disposal vehicles. Within the framework of the reorganisation FAUN adjusts its production of canal vehicles in the Osterholz works. FAUN takes over the Edelhoff Polytechnik production and marketing of bulky refuse trucks belonging to the EUROPRESS range.

1990

FAUN Eurotec GmbH, Vertriebsgesellschaft für Entsorgungstechnik is founded on 01.01.1990 as a subsidiary of FAUN Umwelttechnik GmbH. The marketing and customer services activities of FAUN are now incorporated into FAUN Eurotec. FAUN takes over the majority shareholding of J. Ochsner & Cie. AG – the market leader in collection vehicles in Switzerland. A shareholding in the Italian refuse collection vehicles producer Brivio Pierino is acquired. The French firm SITA and FAUN Umwelttechnik form a joint holding company. The new company acts as the manager of SIVO, brought in by SITA - producer of cleaning vehicles and street washing vehicles -, SMV - producer of refuse collection vehicles - and Grange Frères S.A. brought in by FAUN - producer of waste collection vehicles.

1990 - 1991

The Osterholz works achieves a production record of 1,111 refuse collection vehicles. The new pneumatically collecting small cleaning vehicle, the VIKA is presented, The twin chamber refuse collection vehicle SELECTOPRESS and the side loader SIDEPRESS are introduced publically for the first time. In the wet waste disposal section a mobile sludge press is developed.

FAUN receives the first 'Blauer Engel' (Blue Angel) for the street cleaning vehicle VEGA, as per RAL UZ 59 in Germany.

The production of cleaning vehicles is transferred from the Osterholz works to the newly built production works of SMV in La-Charité.

1992

The waste collection vehicle VARIOPRESS belonging to Stadt Augsburg receives the "Blauer Umweltengel" (Blue Environment Angel) as the first refuse collection vehicle in Germany.

FAUN acquires a shareholding in Antonicelli S.p.a., producer of refuse collection vehicles, container washing vehicles and street washing vehicles.

FAUN MÜLLER Umwelttechnik GmbH is founded in Grimma to expand capacity within the framework of the production of wet waste collection vehicles.

FAUN Eurotec takes over the Europe-wide marketing of the logistics system M.S.T.S. from Edelhoff Polytechnik.

FAUN Eurotec Italia S.R.L. is founded. FAUN Eurotec Italia takes over the marketing and

services in Italy for the products made by the FAUN Umwelttechnik Group.
In France the marketing company Eurotec S.A. is formed.
FAUN Umwelttechnik GmbH is converted into a family joint-stock company.

November 1994

The business family Kirchhoff, Iserlohn takes over all the shares of FAUN AG.

January 1995

FAUN Umwelttechnik AG is converted from a joint-stock company into the partnership FAUN Umwelttechnik GmbH & Co.

1995

FAUN has been going for 150 years.

1996

FAUN Eurotec GmbH takes over the long-standing licensee for FAUN products, LAIRD Anglesey in Wales, and now trades as FAUN Municipal Vehicles Ltd.

1997

At the ENTSORGA Fair in Cologne and IFAT in München FAUN presents a newly developed collection vehicle for the first time with changeable container, the TOPPRESS, for collections in high density inner city areas using a comfortable manual front loading container.

1997

FAUN Municipal Ltd. moves into its newly built plant in Llangefni, Anglesey, Wales in December.

1998

FAUN transfers its stake in the FAUN/Sita holding in France to Sita S.A. and acquires a 100% shareholding in the market leader for waste collection vehicles in France, Grange S.A., Valence.

FAUN relocates its sweeper production capacities from France to Germany. From then on the sweepers are manufactured in Grimma, Saxony. FAUN also acquires the shareholding in FAUN Müller Umwelttechnik held by Müller Umwelttechnik, Schieder-Schwalenberg and renames the company FAUN Viatec GmbH, which then specialises solely in the production of sweepers. The FAUN road sweeper is now known as VIAJET. FAUN sells back its shareholding in the sewer vehicle manufacturer Müller Umwelttechnik to the Müller family.

1999

FAUN inaugurates its new customer centre in Augsburg and begins providing comprehensive customer service as well as an outstanding used vehicles department.

2000

The EUROPRESS is renamed POWERPRESS as part of the FAUN strategy of standardising product names in an increasingly internationalised European market.

In July FAUN takes over the successful MSTS Logistik GmbH of Iserlohn from Edelhoff AG. From now on the MSTS-series vehicles (Multi-Service Transport System) are manufactured by Europe's leading producer of waste collection vehicle bodies. From now on the Iserlohn-based company is known as FAUN Novatec GmbH. FAUN acquires a majority shareholding in Papaix Materiel Voirie S.A.S., Toulouse, France.

Papaix successfully sells the FAUN Viatec GmbH range of sweepers in France and operates its own service station in Toulouse. In August the foundation stone is laid for the FAUN production plant in Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Germany.

2001

FAUN Novatec GmbH of Iserlohn and IVU Traffic Technologies AG of Berlin jointly found the subsidiary FAUN Infotec GmbH, which specialises in IT solutions for waste disposal logistics that optimise logistics workflows and fleet management.

FAUN achieves sales revenues of 214 million euros (not consolidated) and employs a staff of 800 people across Europe. The Osterholz-Scharmbeck plant manufactures 860 vehicles. Grange S.A., Guilhaumand-Granges becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of FAUN and decides to build a large service station in Chelles near Paris. The foundation stone is laid on 27 September 2001.

2002

On 19 February 2002 Grange S.A. puts the new branch in Chelles into operation.

On 1 March 2002 the world's most up-to-date production plant for waste disposal vehicles is inaugurated in Osterholz-Scharmbeck. A workforce of 350 people is employed at the new plant.

2003

FAUN Services GmbH is established as a separate company responsible for buying and selling used waste disposal vehicles as well as preparing offers for rental and leasing.

2004

The FAUN Novatec GmbH production location is relocated from Iserlohn to Osterholz-Scharmbeck and the SIDEPRESS X and EASYPRESS vehicles are integrated in the existing production process. The sweeper manufacturers Schmidt of St. Blasien and FAUN Viatec GmbH sign a cooperation agreement. From that point onwards the Schmidt sweepers are manufactured in Grimma, Saxony. Sales continue to be self-sufficient.

2005

The FAUN customer centre southwest is relocated from Schwegenheim to Speyer. The new location makes the customer centre even easier to reach and now offers customers a broader, far more flexible repair and service range. FAUN meanwhile employs a staff of over 1,000 people throughout Europe.

2006

The presentations of the VARIOPRESS 2 and the VIAJET FILTAIR, a filter sweeper that effectively reduces PM10 particulate matter in the air, are a complete success. FAUN Viatec GmbH becomes market leader in the sweeper segment in Germany for the first time with almost 50% of market share and asserts itself against the competition. At the end of the year FAUN Umwelttechnik GmbH & Co. KG acquires the 20% shareholding in FAUN Viatec GmbH of Grimma previously held by Assmann Fahrzeugbau GmbH and thus becomes sole owner of FAUN Viatec. FAUN SA, Valence acquires all remaining shares from FAUN SAS, Toulouse in France and thus becomes sole shareholder of the service company. Up to 90 vehicles per month are manufactured at the Heilshorn plant.

2007

The 1,000th sweeper is manufactured at the FAUN plant in Grimma. FAUN Expotec GmbH records a rapid increase in exports during the past few years. FAUN becomes the number one supplier to markets such as Russia and the United Arab Emirates. The FAUN

Expotec sales team reports order intake of 420 vehicles in 2007. The Heilshorn plant manufactures over 1,000 vehicle bodies for the first time since starting operations in 2002.

2008

FAUN S.A. and FAUN S.A.S. are merged and renamed FAUN ENVIRONNEMENT as from 1 January 2008. Up to 100 vehicles per month are manufactured at the Heilshorn plant. Development of the ROTOPRESS DUALPOWER – a hybrid vehicle powered by energy regained when braking