

History of Dürr



From master craftsman's business to technology group

Dürr's history begins in 1895.

A craftsman's business, established in the era of German Emperor Wilhelm II, was the origin of today's Dürr Group, an international organization with Swabian roots now employing just about 6,000 people in 21 countries.

Formation 1895



Paul Albert Dürr (1871-1936) lays the foundation for today's Dürr-Group by founding the Paul Dürr metal shop for roof flashing in Cannstatt.



Paul Dürr - 'Master Tinsmith to the Court of Württemberg'



The work performed on the roof of the Stuttgart Arts Building leads Paul Dürr's appointment as 'Master Tinsmith to the Court of Württemberg' in **1911**.

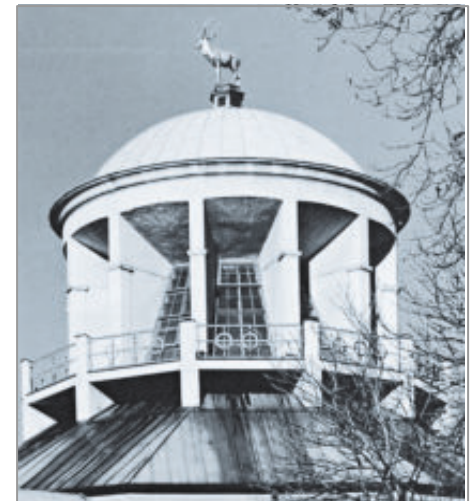
1917 sheet metal processing is introduced.

Otto Dürr takes over his father's business in **1932**.

With the establishment of a design office, the engineering company begins to take on its current form.

1934 mass production of sheet metal products starts.

The craftsman's business evolves as an industrial establishment.



1950 Dürr becomes a plant engineering company.

A plant for chemical surface treatment (a single chamber, gyro-wheel, spray phosphating plant) is built for the Südrad company in Ebersbach and a patent is applied for in that same year.

Dürr establishes its first overseas subsidiary



Heinz Dürr joins the company in **1957**.

1958 The company reacts to the need to meet higher quality requirements in surface finishing by starting to build industrial washing machines for parts cleaning.

In **1963** electrophoretic dip painting is developed. The first large order is received from Ford in the same year. Emphasis shifts from individual plants towards complete systems.



In **1964** Dürr establishes its first overseas subsidiary in Brazil. A second overseas subsidiary follows, in Mexico, in **1966**.

Heinz Dürr takes over the helm as the third generation



The Environmental Systems business unit is founded in **1968**. Air purification systems are added to Dürr's range of products and services.

1969 Heinz Dürr takes over the company Otto Dürr from his father.

Dürr founds its first subsidiary in the US in **1970**. The internationalization continues with the establishment of additional foreign subsidiaries.



In **1978** Dürr enters into the field of automation and conveyor systems. Dürr no longer offers painting equipment technology alone but also solutions for car body transport within paint shops – a significant step towards becoming a systems supplier. In the early eighties the company concentrates fully, in the paint technology field, on the construction of plants for the automotive industry and its suppliers.

In **1985** Dürr established a subsidiary in China to enter the Chinese market.

Dürr expands

1989 Dürr launches its IPO and takes over the Behr-Group, an important partner in paint application up to that point, so that all core capabilities for paint shop construction are now combined within one company.

Dürr introduces the Ecopaint painting robot, which sets new standards in terms of flexibility, quality and environmental compatibility in **1998**.



In **1999** Dürr takes over the French competitor Alstom Automation.



The measuring systems group Schenck becomes part of the Dürr Group in **2000**. With the acquisition of Schenck, Dürr establishes itself as a full-range supplier of equipment for final vehicle assembly and becomes world leader in the balancing and diagnostics equipment market.

Largest order in the company's history



Dürr purchases from ABB the rights to the leading dip painting technology - RoDip – in **2001**.

In **2003** Dürr receives the largest order in the company's history: General Motors orders three paint shops as one package in North America.

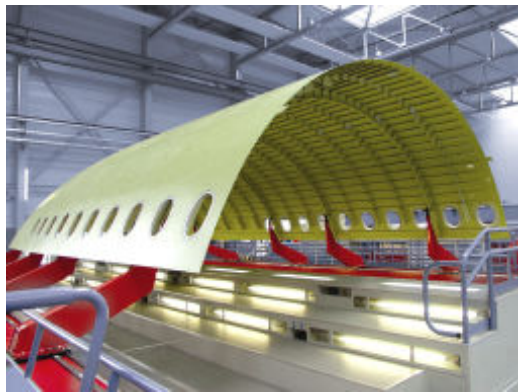


In **2005**, as part of its plan to realign the structure of the Group and to concentrate on core competence in the area of mechanical and plant engineering, Dürr sells peripheral activities that no longer accord with the portfolio of a business model focused on the automotive industry.

Dürr **CAMPUS** – a milestone in Dürr history



By expanding capacities and building new subsidiaries Dürr is reacting to the increasing demand in Asia and Eastern Europe in **2006** and **2007**.



In **2008** the aircraft business (paint and assembly) was drawn together to one separate business unit to meet the increasing significance for Dürr.

In summer **2009** relocated its Stuttgart activities to its Bietigheim-Bissingen location. At the newly built Dürr **CAMPUS** with its future-oriented energy concept Dürr concentrated its painting activities and will also be more powerful in the areas of environmental systems, aircraft technology and Dürr Consulting. 1,500 employees are working at the headquarters.



Product innovations in focus

Dürr will continue to expand its presence in emerging markets. Opening up of new business areas and product innovations are in focus in **2010**.

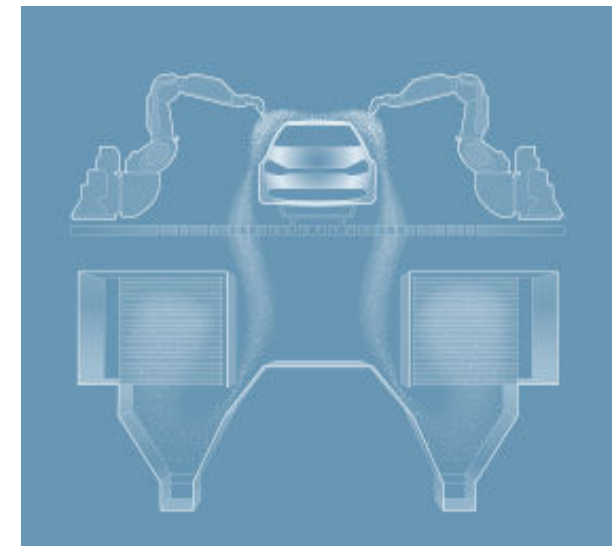
All business units are accelerating their product offensive.

Especially with the **EcoDryScrubber** overspray separation system and the new **EcoBell 3** universal atomizer generation Dürr has been and is expanding its technological leadership in **2009** and **2010**.



In **2011** Dürr is launching activities in e-mobility production technology.

Activities in the energy efficiency business area will be expanded. In addition to exhaust air purification systems, that includes processes for utilizing energy recovered from industrial waste heat.



Group structure as of January 2011



DÜRR Aktiengesellschaft

Paint and Assembly Systems (PAS)



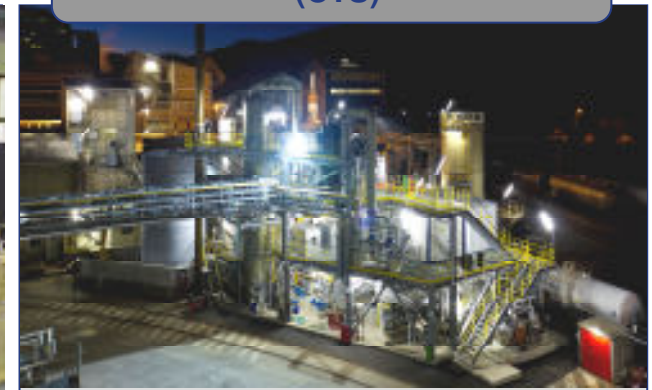
- Paint and Final Assembly Systems
- Application Technology
- Aircraft and Technology Systems

Measuring and Process Systems (MPS)



- Balancing and Assembly Products
- Cleaning and Filtration Systems

Clean Technology Systems (CTS)



- Environmental and Energy Systems
- Energy Technology Systems



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