



# Press information

## Overview of the history of B. Braun

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| 1839 | Founding of the company: On June 23, Julius Wilhelm Braun purchases the Rosen-Apotheke, a pharmacy in Melsungen.                       | 1976 | B. Braun acquires a controlling interest in Aesculap AG.                                                                   |
| 1908 | <a href="#">Start of industrial production of catgut, a sterile suture material.</a>                                                   | 1977 | Ludwig Georg Braun becomes Chairman of the Board of Management.                                                            |
| 1925 | B. Braun establishes its first foreign production in Milan, Italy.                                                                     | 1979 | Foundation of B. Braun of America, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA.                                                           |
| 1930 | <a href="#">Start of production of Sterofundin, the basis of all subsequent infusion solutions.</a>                                    | 1992 | Opening of the new PfiEFFewiesen facility (designed by architect James Stirling).                                          |
| 1951 | <a href="#">Perfusor, the first mechanical injection pump for continuous infusion.</a>                                                 | 1995 | Opening of the Aesculap Academy in Tuttlingen.                                                                             |
| 1956 | <a href="#">First medical use of plastics (IV solution containers).</a>                                                                | 1997 | <a href="#">Largest single acquisition in the company's history: McGaw, Inc., California, USA.</a>                         |
| 1962 | <a href="#">Launch of Braunüle®, the first one-piece plastic cannula for continuous infusion.</a>                                      | 1997 | Ecoflac plus, semi-rigid container for infusion solutions.                                                                 |
| 1966 | Establishment of the B. Braun Foundation with a view to promoting education and further training of doctors and nursing professionals. | 1998 | Aesculap AG & Co KG is incorporated into the B. Braun Group as the Aesculap Division.                                      |
| 1968 | Acquisition of Laboratórios Americanos S. A.; start of business operations in Brazil.                                                  | 1998 | <a href="#">Introcan Safety: First Passive Safety IV Catheter with safety clip technology.</a>                             |
| 1971 | Conversion into a stock corporation.                                                                                                   | 1998 | <a href="#">OrthoPilot, a computer-assisted navigation system for surgical interventions in knee and hip arthroplasty.</a> |
| 1972 | Start of business operations in Asia: First production facility in Penang, Malaysia.                                                   | 2001 | Opening of the Europa Building at the PfiEFFewiesen site.                                                                  |
|      |                                                                                                                                        | 2001 | Start-up of operations of the Benchmark Factory in Tuttlingen, a production facility for implants.                         |

- 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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