

40 YEARS

Williamston USA

50 YEARS

Traismauer Austria

60 YEARS

Berlin Germany



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BA 90 – the worldwide first blow moulding machine with the patented "inside-neck dimensioning system"



Latest machine generation Concept 808



Our industry expertise makes the difference



TOP RIM CALIBRATION

The BA 90 was the worldwide first blow moulding machine with the patented "inside-neck dimensioning system" (top calibration) with a finished neck. For the first time, this process made it possible to achieve tight bottle cap closure. Today, neck calibration is an industry standard for blow moulding machines.

EXPERIENCE

60 + 50 + 40 = 150 years of **B**erlin **K**unststoff **M**aschinen (Berlin plastic machines) in Berlin, Traismauer and Williamston.

We have collected 150 years' experience at our three locations. Our innovations and further developments have made us one of the world market leaders for blow moulding machines.

Meanwhile, we can proudly look to 18,000 installed machines at plants in 100 countries around the world. We employ 350 people in these three locations, without them our solutions and tailor-made would be impossible. Our worldwide sales and service network supports our customers on all continents and ensures smooth production processes in countless numbers of industry sectors.

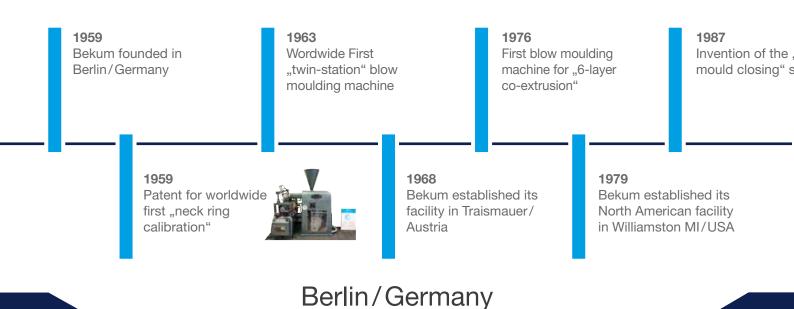


ORIGIN

In 1959, Gottfried Mehnert founded Bekum Maschinenfabriken in Berlin GmbH. With the development of the first worldwide and patented ring neck calibration, followed by many other innovations, the young company got off to a flying start.

Patents like the first double station blow moulding machine (1963) or the first blow moulding machine for six-layer coextrusion (1976) continued to write the company's success story. Till today Berlin is the control centre and the heart of the family business with sales, customer service as well as design and development. The company values of technology, quality and service are a brand promise with the aim of being the benchmark in extrusion blow moulding.

With the next family generation secure in the company, the future policy at Bekum remains safe and innovation driven.



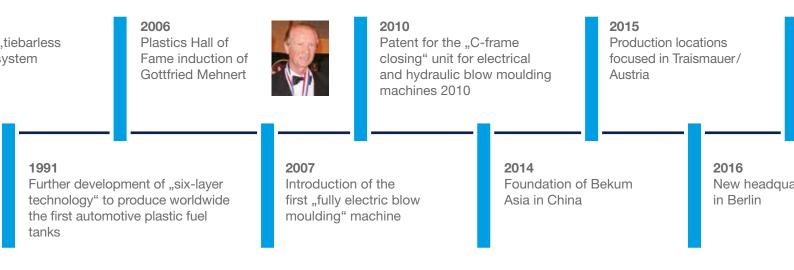


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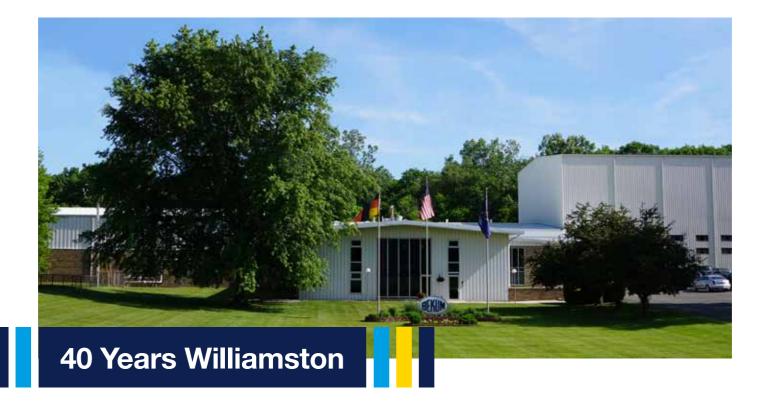
In 1968, Bekum faced a dilemma in Berlin: the business was growing rapidly, but the construction of the Berlin Wall left literally no space for expansion at the original site. The solution is in Traismauer Austria, where industrial areas and qualified employees for the further development and production of machine parts were available.

With the growing product range, capacities in Traismauer increased, where in the course of time complete large blow moulding machines of the BA series started. Traismauer's full responsibility for the development and production of the BA series was finally taken over in 1994. In addition, at Traismauer there is a state-of-the-art mechanical in-house and job-order manufacturing facility, which supplies a comprehensive range of flexible and precision manufacturing activities.

After significant investments, since 2015, the complete Bekum production capability for the European market has been located in Traismauer.



Traismauer/Austria



INTERNATIONALIZATION

To conquer the US market, the family business founded in 1979 Bekum America in Williamston. Here German technology connected with American entrepreneurial spirit – which leads to something more than just the adaptation of German machines for the American market. The Americans successfully established their own machine line.

The sense of responsibility of a family business is always present in the US: For example, Bekum America depends strongly on their own apprenticeship program. Today around half of the employees come from this program. They are the key to the quality and excellence of the company. To meet the growing demand for machines Bekum America has decided the construction of a new production hall.

