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Miele Professional – the milestones

- 1924** The first drum washing machines for commercial use, heated with gas or coal, are seen as marking the start of Miele Professional. The clients Miele has in mind are laundries, hotels, hospitals and sanatoriums.
- 1961** Miele launches dishwashers for cafés and restaurants as well as special-purpose washers for surgical instruments and laboratory glassware. Production takes place at the Bielefeld plant.
- 1962** The first Miele plant outside Germany is founded in Bürmoos near Salzburg in Austria - as a bridgehead in what was then the EFTA free trade zone. After initially producing mainly small washing machines, spin dryers and hand irons, the plant today supplies, for example, the stainless-steel inserts for washer-disinfectors.
- 1965** Since the takeover of the former Gillette plant in Lehrte near Hanover, commercial laundry care products have been manufactured there - instead of razor blades.
- 1971** For hospitals, there are now special-purpose washers with programme card controls for anesthetics, ENT, gynaecology and other disciplines.
- 1977** Little Giants for use in small businesses start a success story that continues to this day - by combining the compact design of domestic washers and dryers with particularly robust commercial technology.
- 1979** The G 7717 two-door washer-disinfector facilitates the segregation of the unclean (infeed) side from the clean (outfeed) sides for the first time.
- 1986** Miele takes over the Cordes flatwork ironer manufacturer in Oelde - where today mainly ovens are produced, whilst ironers have been relocated to the Lehrte plant.
- 1989** Miele launches a barrier washer-extractor for laundry requiring disinfection in accordance with the strict standards of occupational safety regulations for laundries and is ideal for hospitals and nursing homes.

- 1991** The WetCare aqueous wash process enables textiles labelled as "non-washable" to be washed and dried without difficulty - a joint development with the Wiesbaden-based textile chemicals specialist Kreussler.
- 1995** The first generation of large-capacity disinfectors is equipped with freely programmable Profitronic electronic controls, which allow up to 64 programmes to be individually compiled.
- 2004** Miele launches Oxivario Plus reprocessing, which enables the cleaning of medical instruments classified as critical by the Robert Koch Institute. The process is later successfully tested on prions with regard to its effectiveness (pathogens causing CJD).
- 2010** Miele Professional becomes a system provider for planning, equipping and maintaining sterile supply departments in surgeries and clinics, covering all reprocessing stages including process chemicals as well as hardware and software solutions for data documentation.
- 2016** In cooperation with the Italian launderette chain Lava Più, Miele presents a concept for turnkey laundry facilities.
- 2017** Miele acquires the Italian medical technology specialist Steelco which becomes the focus of its entire hospital project business.
- 2021** The Lehrte plant produces the mobile air purifier Miele AirControl, which filters out and renders harmless more than 99.995% of all viruses and other airborne particles from indoor air at the rate of six times an hour.
- 2022** In a new generation of heat pump dryers, Miele uses R450a refrigerant, which has only 42 percent of the global warming potential of the refrigerant it replaces.

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Company profile: Miele is the world's leading manufacturer of premium domestic appliances including cooking, baking and steam-cooking appliances, refrigeration products, coffee makers, dishwashers and laundry and floor care products. Their product portfolio also includes dishwashers, air purifiers, washing machines and tumble dryers for commercial use as well as washer-disinfectors and sterilisers for use in medical and laboratory applications. Founded in 1899, the company has eight production plants in Germany, one each in Austria, the Czech Republic, China, Romania and Poland as well as two production plants belonging to its Italian medical technology subsidiary Steelco. Sales in the 2021 business year amounted to around € 4.84 bn. Miele is represented with its own sales subsidiaries and via importers in almost 100 countries/regions. Throughout the world, the family-run enterprise, now in its fourth generation, employs a workforce of around 22,300, of which approx. 11,200 employees work in Germany. The company has its headquarters in Gütersloh in Westphalia.

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