

History of HAUG

the leading specialist for oil-less piston compressors

1896	Foundation of a mechanical shop by Ernst Haug in St.Gallen.
1902	Set up of a small factory at the Heimatstrasse in St.Gallen.
1916	Sale of the company from Ernst to his sons Ernst and Fritz Haug for a price of approx. 90'000.- SFr.
1924	Fritz Haug becomes the only owner of the company.
1928	A speciality of this time was the production of bearings, wheel suspensions and axes for lorries and trains. Production of the first, own designed oil lubricated piston compressor.
1935	Applying of a Swedish licence for the production of concrete vibrators. The company Notz from Biel got a sole agency contract for this product.
1948 / 1949	Death of Fritz Haug, who positioned the company as a well recognized company for the production of compressors and compressor solutions. His son Dr. Hans Haug founded the limited company „Fritz Haug AG“ and took over the presidency of the board. Heinrich Siegrist takes over the position as the General Manager. Dr. Hans Haug was the president of the board of the Fritz Haug AG for 40 years. Hans Haug received a well known international reputation as the president of the „Swiss Red Cross“ from Geneva.
1953	Development of the first oil-free piston compressor with crosshead design.
1957	Set up of a new factory at the Industriestrasse 6 in St.Gallen – Winkeln.
1968 / 1969	Development of completely oil-less piston compressors of type SO and BO with our own closed bearings. The term „oil-less piston compressor“ was born. From that time this invention was continuously developed and is also the basis for the product range of today. Development of the first gas-compressor for higher discharge pressures. HAUG got a new appearance. The colours of „green“ and „yellow“, as well the company logo is still the same today.
1970	Hans Wanner takes over the position as the General Manager.
1975	The oil-less piston compressors of type TO with 2, 3 or 4 cylinders were becoming the most important product for applications with air and gas. The type TO (today TOC) set the standard for oil-less piston compressors in Swiss hospitals up to now. Step by step, the production of oil-lubricated piston compressors and of concrete vibrators was given up.
1976	As a second business, beside the piston compressors, HAUG develops machines for drilling, cutting and milling of concrete. These machines were sold under the brand DIAMILL.

1978	Development of special oil-less piston compressors of type BO for the company BBC (later ABB). The compressors are used for pneumatic drive of high voltage switch gears. These switch gears were supplied by ABB, worldwide in large numbers.
1984	Extension of the factory hall with an additional cellar underground.
1988	Karl Frefel becomes the main shareholder. He is for 15 years the president of the board. The appearance of the HAUG compressors changes from green to white.
1989	Development of the new gas-compressors of type SOG and TE. New development of a magnetic-coupling drive for hermetic gastight piston compressors. This HAUG invention solves the problem of gas leakage, at compressors with shaft seals. Foundation of the German subsidiary near Frankfurt.
1993 / 1994	Stop of production and sale of the business-unit of the DIAMILL concrete milling machines. Development of the oil-less piston compressors type TF.
1996	100 years company jubilee in St.Gallen – Winkeln.
2000	Beat Frefel takes over the position as the General Manager.
2001 / 2002	Up-date of the compressors type TO to the version TOC. This up-date is a compact air compressor with integrated sound absorbing cabinet and a PLC control. New developments also for the gas-compressors type TO: Larger displacement volumes at the compressor cylinders to get larger capacities and increase of the electric motor power up to 30 kW.
2006	Development of a new high-pressure compressor with final pressure 170 bar based on the type TO. The high-pressure system is legally protected by an international patent.
2007	Foundation of a representation office in China (Shanghai). 111 years company jubilee in St.Gallen – Winkeln. Publication of change of the company name from „Fritz Haug AG“ to „HAUG Kompressoren AG“ with date 1.1.2008.



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