

Höcker Polytechnik is celebrating its 60th anniversary

Always one idea ahead

For 60 years, Höcker Polytechnik has been one of the leading companies in the industry. For "Polytechers", team spirit and a love of innovative technology are at the forefront. On 16 September, the company celebrated its 60th anniversary with employees, friends and business partners. The company's new image film was presented as part of the anniversary celebrations, delighting the 500 or so guests.



Owner Frank Höcker and Christian Vennemann in the new logistics hall in 2020 – the two Managing Directors work together very successfully.

When the merchant Günther Höcker founded his trading and assembly company POLYTECHNIK on 1 July 1962, he laid the foundations for an impressive success story. He was quick to recognise the market's actual needs, concentrating on the development and production of space- and energy-saving extraction and filtration systems. In 1991, corporate foresight and intelligently managed growth led to the next logical step: the company established a production and distribution site in Poland in addition to the existing Hilter site. This new site soon became a very important part of the company.

In 1993 there was a changing of the guard, with Günther Höcker handing over the reins to his son Frank, who continued to focus on progress: in addition to expanding the business in the new states of the Federal Republic of Germany, he also promoted the establishment and maintenance of a quality management system. In 2001, he appointed Christian Vennemann, a long-time employee and authorised signatory, as the second Managing Director. Today, the two Managing Directors continue to work together successfully.

By 2009, the Hilter site was bursting at the seams; it had to accommodate the company's growth. Frank Höcker decided to make the largest single investment in the company's history: a new office building was erected in 2010, fol-

lowed by a new logistics centre in 2012. With a footprint of 3300 m², the logistics centre provides ample storage space as well as an order picking area. In 2014, Höcker Polytechnik added coating systems technology to its product portfolio through the acquisition of Pipgras Lackieranlagen GmbH. In 2015, another solar power plant went into operation on the roof of the production facility; in total, this generates over 230,000 kW/h of electricity annually. The buildings have been largely independent of fossil fuels since 2021 thanks to modern heat pump heating and cooling systems. This energy management system has been certified in accordance with ISO 50001 since 2016.

When Höcker Polytechnik launched tapio on the market in 2017, it became the world's first manufacturer of extraction systems that are 100% interface-compatible with tapio (Industry 4.0 for wood processing). In addition, the company opened a new laser centre in the second plant in Poland, and a year later the completely new MultiStar C hybrid filter system was launched on the market. Innovations such as the newly developed Vacumobil with IE5 efficiency power pack and the Vacumobil MD160 medium-pressure dust extractor were presented to the public in 2020 and 2021 and have driven the company's success to date.

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