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From a small craft business to a large contract
manufacturer for medical technology

Medical technology manufacturer Rudolf Storz celebrated its 75th anniversary

Emmingen - To mark its 75th anniversary, the company held an open day where visitors were given an insight into production and the history of the company. The guided tours of the company were met with great interest by the guests. The contract manufacturer for medical technology was founded in Tuttlingen in 1949. The company has developed from a small family business to a modern medium-sized company and today offers a broad portfolio of over 7,000 surgical instruments. With over 140 employees from 12 nations, Rudolf Storz is now active worldwide.

Rudolf Storz Senior founded the medical technology company in Tuttlingen in 1949. It all began in Tuttlingen, with the manufacture of medical products by hand and in small quantities. The family business was owned by the Storz family for over three generations. Since 2022, Rudolf Storz GmbH has been owned by Stuckenbrock Medizintechnik GmbH and is managed by managing partner Fabian Stuckenbrock. Regarding to surgical instruments, the range of services offered by the medium-sized company Rudolf Storz today extends from services such as electropolishing, passivation and grinding to the development of customer-specific solutions and assembly with a high level of vertical integration. The Rudolf Storz product portfolio comprises over 7000 products. Today, the company has a total production area of 5500 m², spread over 3 plants.



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Until the year 2000, however, the company was still based in a small workshop building in Tuttlingen. It was not until 2000 that the company moved to the newly built company building in the Hundsrückten industrial estate in Emmingen. The new CNC machines also brought about a change in the previously conventional production of surgical instruments. This meant that higher quantities could be produced in a shorter time. In 2011, a modern, sustainable 3-storey office building was built to create space for additional positions in design, quality management, sales and marketing. This was followed by the expansion of Plant 2 in 2020, which now houses traditional machines such as presses and saws, while the modern, fully automated CNC machines with robotic arms operate in Plant 1 (main building) in the production hall. Due to the continued successful development of Rudolf Storz and the expansion of the product portfolio, the company continued to grow. In 2024, the employees in the marketing, sales, export, shipping and finished goods warehouse departments moved into a new building just a few hundred meters from the main building. The new Plant 3 houses a modernized logistics center covering 1,200 m². The move to the new premises is not only due to the increased space requirements, but also as a strategic investment in the future. At the same time, the company is working on the introduction of new manufacturing technologies to further optimize the production of medical technology products and make them fit for the future.

Rudolf Storz set the tone in the region early on, not only in terms of innovative technologies in medical technology, but also in sustainability. With its own solar systems since 2011, an innovative wind turbine and the use of the first electric car in the region, the company demonstrated its commitment to a sustainable future at an early stage. As a sponsor of the Tuttlingen university campus, Rudolf Storz also provides for future specialists. In addition to various apprenticeships, the company also offers dual study programs. Rudolf Storz currently employs over 140 people from 12 nations. The company can look back on an impressive success story



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characterized by tradition, innovation and growth.

Last Sunday, Rudolf Storz celebrated this 75-year history with an open day at the Emmingen-Liptingen site. In his welcoming address, Fabian Stuckenbrock looked back on the company's past 75 years. "However, we are also looking ahead in order to face the challenges and opportunities of the coming years with optimism and to continue to guarantee our customers the highest quality and punctual delivery," explained Managing Partner Fabian Stuckenbrock. "Because with our strong foundation of tradition, innovation and sustainability, the company is ready to remain at the forefront of medical technology." Numerous visitors took the opportunity to get to know the company and see the medical technology contract manufacturer's expertise for themselves. In particular, the guided tours of the company were met with great interest, where guests were given an insight into the state-of-the-art CNC machines and the traditional craftsmanship of manual instrument production. A varied supporting program, culinary offerings and a competition rounded off the day and made the anniversary celebration a complete success.

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