

History



From the start-up days to internationality

Small and modest beginnings in the Black Forest in 1963 were the foundation for today's internationally active group of companies. With its niche products and competent consulting, AZ has always been a partner for industry and plant engineering that meets the highest demands imposed on quality and technology.

October 1963



Established 1963

Dipl.-Ing. Gerhard Wisser founded the AZ Armaturen GmbH on October 18th, 1963 together with a former fellow student.

First products are designed by AZ and build by outside companies.

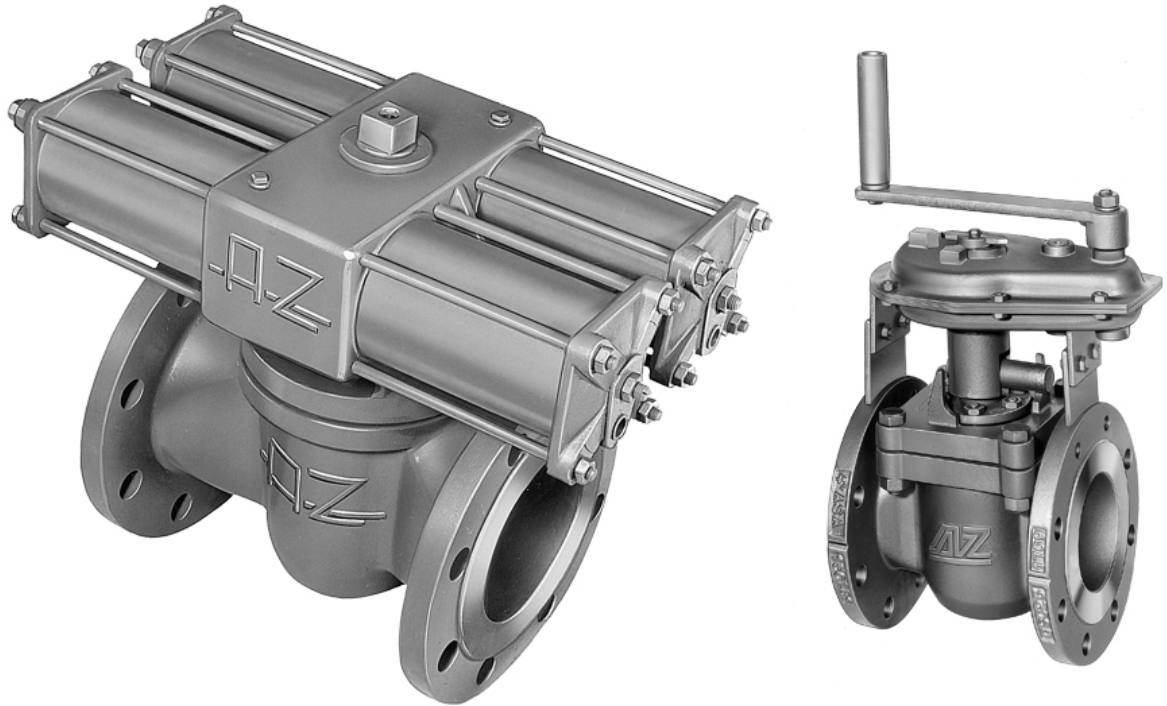
January 1965



The first premises are rented in Triberg 1965

In an area of 65 sqm, Gerhard Wisser begins production with three employees. One of their first big customers is the Nuclear Research Centre in Karlsruhe, ordering hundreds of sleeved valves.

January 1968



Ex-protected pneumatic drives 1968

The first ex-protected pneumatic drive is developed. The use of electrical servo drives is in decline in the chemical industry.

January 1972



Sleeved valves 1972

Valves are sleeved with FEP to prevent aggressive media impacting on the high-quality material. AZ is a pioneer with this process and initiates FEP sleeving in the transfer moulding process. At the same time, the high-voltage porosity test is introduced for this new generation of valves.

September 1985



Founding of AZ-Armaturen South Africa (Pty) Ltd. 1985

The company manufactures and distributes valves for the Sub-Saharan African market. AZ-Armaturen South Africa offers after sales services such as refurbishments, technical consultancy, special designs, flow calculations, breakdown and 24 hour services. **AZ-Armaturen South Africa PTY LTD.** 28 Derick Coetzee Street

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January 1988



Introduction of the dye penetration procedure 1988

The dye penetration procedure, in accordance with DIN EN 571, becomes an integral component in the quality management.

January 1992



Relocation to Mönchweiler 1992

The relocation from Schonach to Mönchweiler to the new production and administration buildings is completed in March 1992. Dipl.-Ing. Jörg Wisser, son of the company's founder, joins the company in April. AZ is granted utility model protection for the sampling system SAMPLING.

October 1992



AZ Valves (U.K.) Ltd. established 1992

in October, in Gravenhurst, Great Britain. **AZ Valves (U.K.) LTD.** 1 24 Cinnamon Brow
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January 1995



Foundation of AZ Brazil 1995

Founding of AZ Armaturen do Brasil Ltda. in September in São Paulo. Initial production is done in rented buildings in Itatiba. **AZ ARMATUREN DO BRASIL LTDA.** Av. Osvaldo Berto, 600

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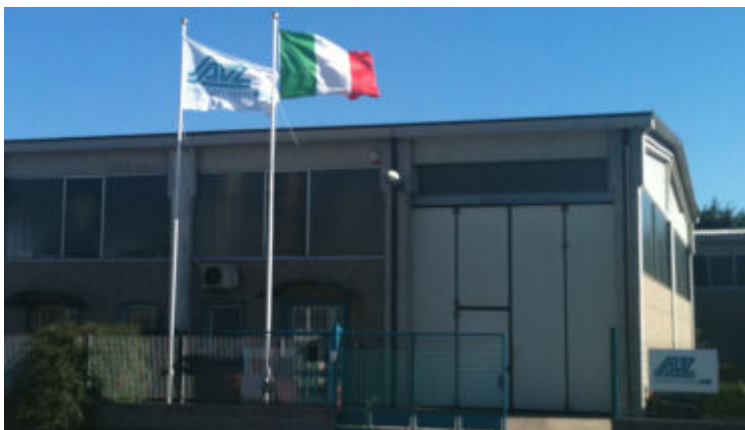
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January 2007



AZ continues its expansion course 2007

The subsidiary AZ Armaturen Asia (Pte) Ltd. is formed in Singapore in February, this is followed in December by AZ Armaturen Italia Ltd. Caltignaga/Italy. **AZ Armaturen Italia Limited** Via Sandro Pertini, 11

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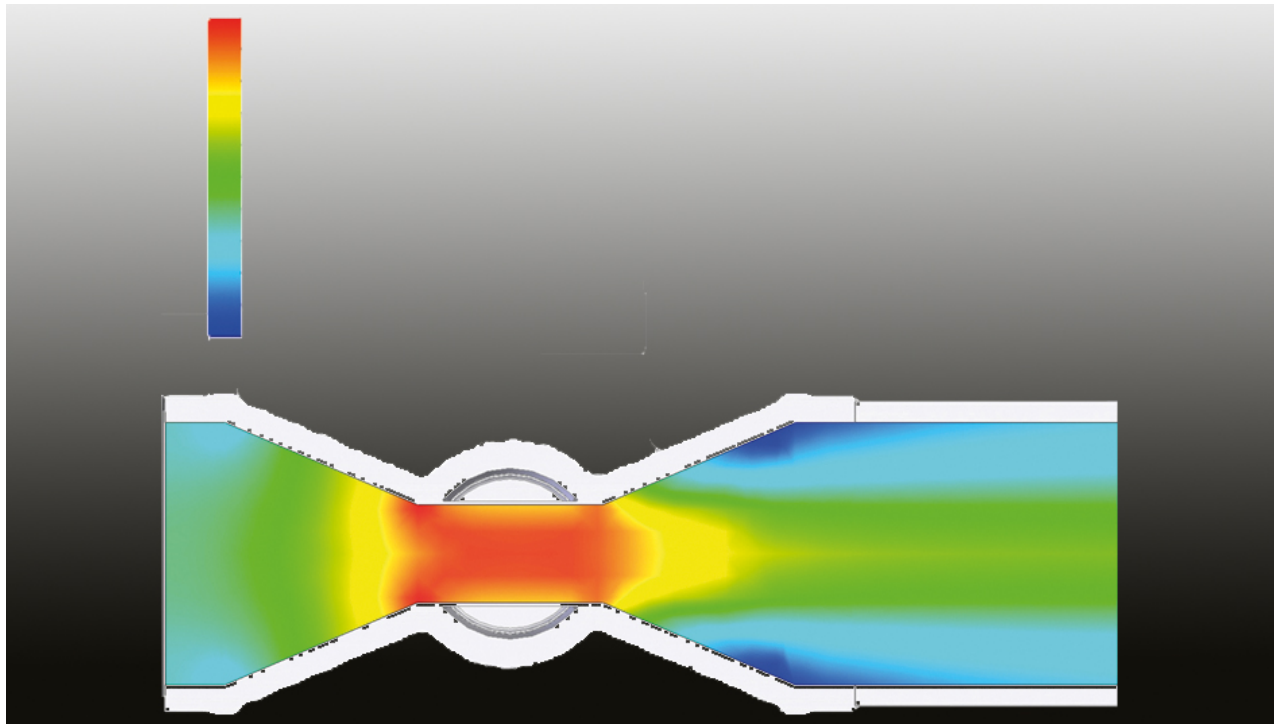
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January 2008



Introduction of CFD flow simulation 2008

Introduction of the CFD flow simulation analysis for the optimisation of control valves.

Founding of AZ Armaturen Trading Co., Ltd. in Shanghai, China in July.

16" and 20" plug valves with full bore design are supplied for a project in Poland.

January 2009



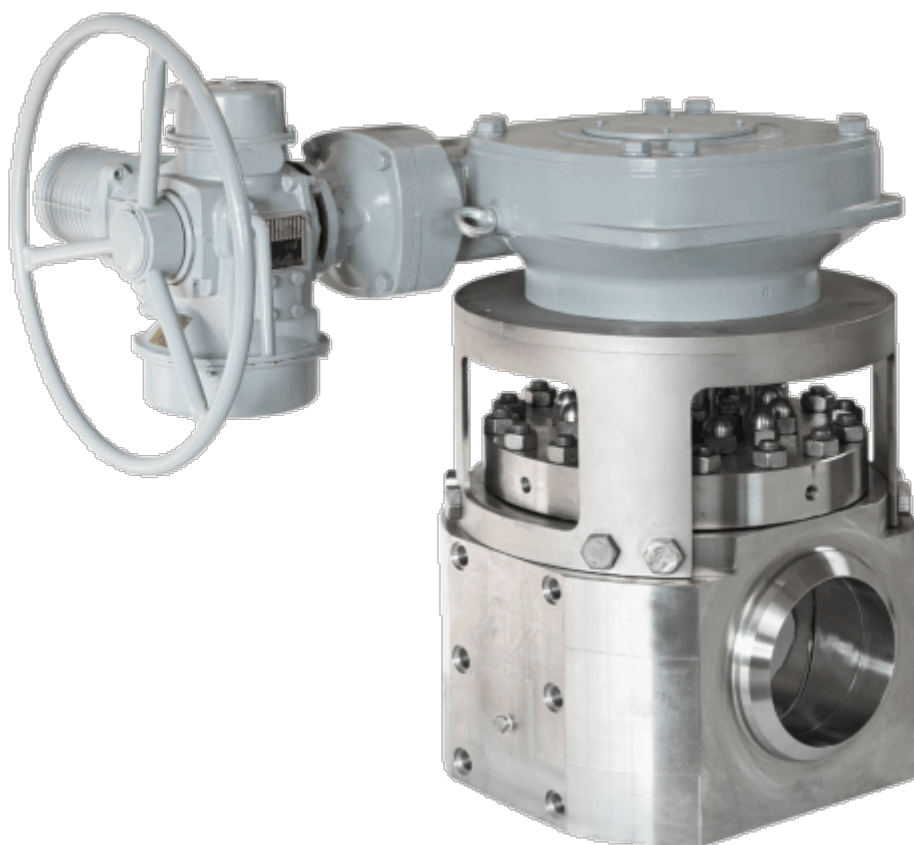
The company's own stainless steel foundry in Brazil 2009

Expansion of the factory in Brazil with establishment of the company's own stainless steel foundry for precision casting.

Patent is issued for the double cardan joint for drive mountings.

Expansion of the incoming goods inspection with x-ray gun for faultless metal analysis.

January 2010



Development of valves for nuclear power plants 2010

Development and supply of high-pressure plug valves from forged material with electric servo drive for nuclear power plants in Hungary; size DN 80 Extra, PN 100. A “grey room” is set up at the Mönchweiler plant for the oil- and grease-free assembly of valves, which, for example, is required for clean-room silicon production or for the pharmaceutical and food industries. Expansion of the company’s photovoltaic plant to a total of 295 kW. In summer, up to 70% of the company’s energy needs are supplied by solar power.

The production company AZ Armaturen Trading Co., Ltd. relocates its operations from Shanghai to Taicang/China.

January 2012



New production halls for the AZ Taicang/China plant 2012

AZ Armaturen Trading Co., Ltd. moves into new production halls in Taicang/China. **AZ Armaturen (Taicang) Co., Ltd.** No. 1 Zhengzhou Road
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September 2012



AZ Armaturen builds World's Largest Plug Valve 2012

The world's largest plug valve with 24" full bore design created for a project in India.



Founding of AZ Armaturen Thailand Co. Ltd. 2012

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September 2013



Construction of the Polish subsidiary with service workshop 2013

Construction of office facilities and service workshop for AZ Armaturen Polska Sp. z o.o. in Opoczno, Poland. **AZ Armaturen Polska Sp. Z.O.O.** ul. Lipowa 30

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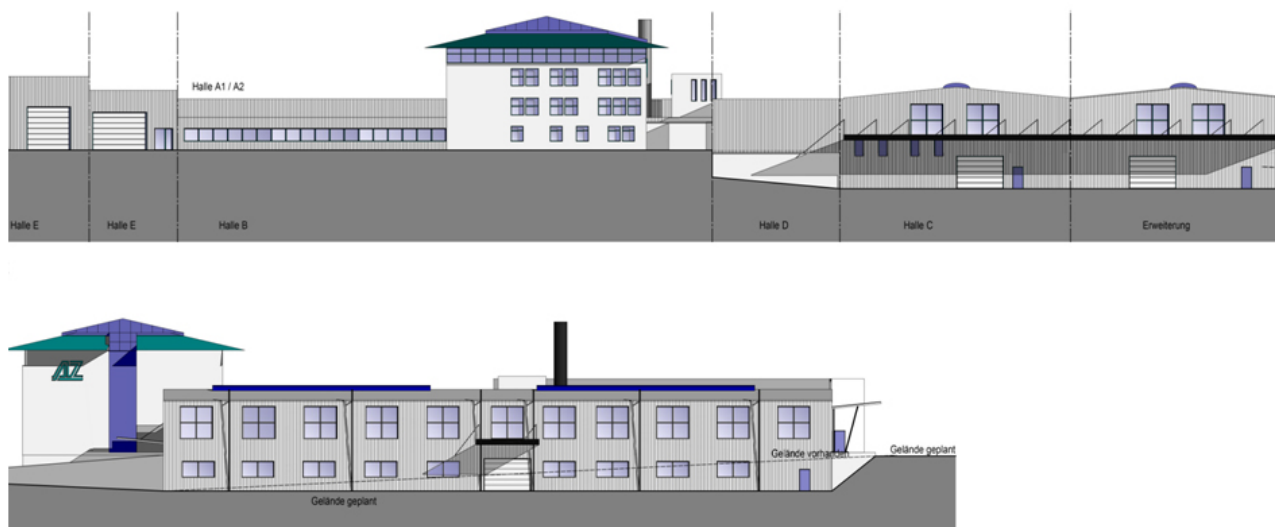
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January 2014



Expansion of production 2014

The second expansion of the production areas in the Mönchweiler plant.

December 2014



AZ Armaturen Eurasia, St. Petersburg, founded 2014

In December 2014 AZ Eurasia was founded, our agency in the Russian Federation. She resides in St. Petersburg.

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September 2015



Gerhard Wisser
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Obituary: Dipl.-Ing. Gerhard Wisser

The founder of the AZ Group, Dipl.-Ing. Gerhard Wisser, died on 27/08/2015 suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 83 years in his home town of Schonach in the Black Forest.

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August 2016



Founding of AZ Valves North America, Houston, Texas 2016

AZ Armaturen is represented in the USA by AZ Valves North America, founded in August 2016 **AZ VALVES North America** 18702 Intercontinental Crossing Drive

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June 2019



Founding of the AZ Vietnam sales office 2019

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Founding of AZ Armaturen France in Lyon / France 2020

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