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125 Years of BRUNNHUBER CRANES: From a small Augsburg Craft Workshop to an International Crane Manufacturer

The traditional Augsburg company BRUNNHUBER CRANES is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. Founded in 1900, the company has earned itself a reputation as an international renowned manufacturer of industrial cranes.

125 years ago, at the age of 22, Leo Brunnhuber laid the foundation for a success story that continues to this day, starting with a small metalworking and iron workshop on Schallerstraße in Augsburg. From these modest beginnings, the company evolved over the decades - first as an iron workshop, then as a pump manufacturer, and eventually as a manufacturer of large industrial and agricultural cranes, gaining recognition internationally. To this day, the company remains a family-owned business.



Founder Leo Brunnhuber with employees, 1950

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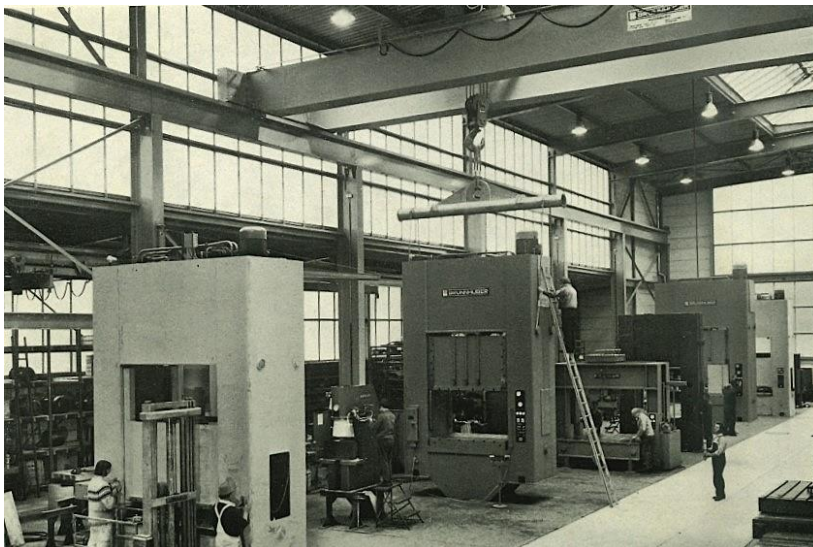
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Workshop entry, Schallerstraße 3, ca. 1920

In the mid-1940s, the eldest of Leo Brunnhuber's two sons, Josef Brunnhuber Sr., took over the company from his father and renamed it into Josef Brunnhuber Maschinenfabrik Augsburg. Gradually, the company's site on Schallerstraße was expanded, with additional manufacturing and production halls added over time. Under his leadership, the company specialized in building hydraulic presses with a pressing force of up to 3,000 t. By that time, the company already employed around 50 people.

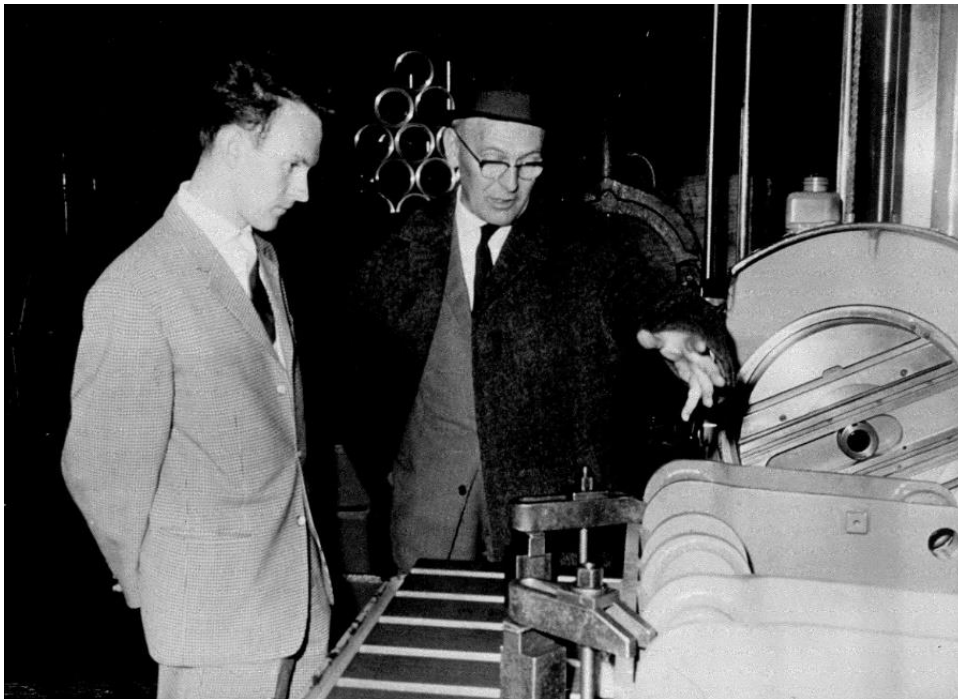


Press manufacturing, ca. 1950

From the mid-1960s, Josef Brunnhuber Jr., grandson of the founder Leo, took over the business and fully focused on the company's current core business: the construction of industrial and special cranes. Reflecting this new business focus, the company was renamed into "Brunnhuber Krantechnik" in 1977.

Under the leadership of Josef Brunnhuber Jr., the company continued to grow steadily and, by the mid-1960s, employed around 150 people in Augsburg. The company site was also expanded by 1970 to 10,000 m², comprising a total of six halls plus an office building.

The company began building its first large industrial cranes, similar to those it still manufactures today, around 1965 and delivered them worldwide. BRUNNHUBER quickly made a name for itself in the field of agricultural cranes as well as special-purpose cranes for power plants and steel mills. Early major customers included SIEMENS and the Augsburg aircraft manufacturer Messerschmitt, now part of the AIRBUS Group.



Josef Brunnhuber jun. with Josef Brunnhuber sen., 1963

After several ownership changes following the retirement of Josef Brunnhuber Jr. in 2000, the company is once again in family hands: in 2009, it was taken over by the Essen-based crane manufacturer Dipl.-Kfm. Ralf Teichmann and integrated into the TeichmannGroup, providing a stable foundation for further growth.

Today, the company employs around 140 people across seven locations. The Augsburg site remains an important core of the company's identity, and until 2022, cranes were still manufactured at the original facility on Schallerstraße.

Additional Brunnhuber Cranes production facilities are now located across Germany in Berlin, Dessau, and Lutherstadt-Wittenberg.

,125 years is a special milestone and a reason to celebrate. What began as a small metalworking shop is today a modern company in international crane manufacturing. From Leo Brunnhuber through the following generations up to the present day, our history demonstrates how family values, tradition, pioneering spirit, and drive come together to create lasting success. We are proud of our history and grateful for the dedication of our employees, who have made this journey possible. At the same time, we look to the future with great confidence, continuing to expand the Brunnhuber tradition as a family- and owner-managed part of the Teichmann Group.“ (Dipl. Ralf Teichmann, Managing Director of BRUNNHUBER CRANES)



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