



The company

Can Man has been founded February 1st 1991.

The first idea was to service/maintain and upgrade canbody welding machines.

With a couple of years of welding - experience, Ruedi Umbricht, at that time a 1-man company, started to sell and install static frequency inverters and designed wire profiling units, guidance tools and Z-bars in order to be able to upgrade machines from „butterfly“ - to WIMA - overlap.

Johnny Umbricht, Ruedi's brother joined the company in 1994.

1995 the first fully automatic canbody welder, type CM 18 with 4 tools and for a low speed production was set up in Denmark.

Only 1 year later and against massive attacks by one major competitor (buying, or trying to buy back our first welders), we introduced CM 16 which was designed for 80 cpm. With additional support of Mr Siegfried Frei (of FREI AG) we could develop CM 16.2 for up to 180 cans per minutes towards the end of 1996.

1997 Ruedi and Johnny formed a group of 5 partners and restarted the (in the mean time insolvent) SABATEC GmbH, buying a share of 40%. Today SABATEC is back on the road of success. Consequently R. + J. Umbricht stepped out again and sold their sharestack to the remaining 3 members.

1999 was the year of turning Can Man from the, at that time, „5-men developer team“ to something more of a „production place“ where high quality welders are produced. Our team has steadily grown to a real compact and highly motivated group of hard working specialists for canbody welding machines.

Developing newer, better, faster and easier to operate welders was (and is) our key target.

The year 2000 was the year of CM 17 and, as a side effect but not less important, also the year of the introduction of the new, stylish and operator-friendly Can Man Design.

The new century wasn't very old when Can Man „surprised“ the world that it is possible to weld so called WIMA-welds with a semiautomatic welder and without a calibration crown (patents pending). Especially for low budgets and producers of a big variety of cans the CM 21-WIMA is „the solution“.

In 2001 (officially Can Man's 10-year anniversary) we moved our facility from Aarau to Hallwil, delivered the 50th Can Man welder and were already occupied with some further inventions which would be shown on the Metpack in 2002.

In 2002 the new and worlds first fully digital frequency inverter called Pacemaker™ was ready for sales; its simplicity and therefore reliability, its size as well as its functionality is still unique. Such conversions keep up filling our orderbooks even today.

Your wish is our command ! This fact lead us in 2003 to do an „upgrade“ of CM 16 ; instead of a max. output of 180 cans per minute we got out 300 cans per minute with a max. welding speed of 60 m/min.

A year before the 40th birthday of Ruedi Umbricht came along, we decided to build a real high speed welder which shall show the world (at least that part who didn't notice yet that the most modern welding bodymakers come from Can Man) what we are capable of.



The X-century has just begun!

X1 is the name of the first welder, made for a max. speed of 600 cpm with the worlds first fully automatic height change device (patents pending). Along with new welder of Can Man's new X-series came a step - up in marketing with the X-press (Can Man News) and a new website appearance.

January the 1st 2005 we'll open our first overseas office in Bangkok / Thailand to be able to support our customers in Southeast Asia with a professional and fast technical and commercial service.

Another step is the conversion of Can Man, Ruedi Umbricht into Can Man Aktiengesellschaft (a shareholding company).

With far the fastest electronic power in terms of processor speed our new welding monitor called Can Man Qualimaker™ will again be the new standard in canwelding- process and -quality control.

It's our daily challenge to improve and modernize our products, searching new technologies and giving you the relyability of a real swiss made machine.

Today we have supplied our worldwide clientele with 145 welders (per August 2004) incl. the first high-speed welder Can Man X1 with a max. production of 600 cans per minute.

Our market share is constantly growing and in our geographical area (Europe, East and Middle East) it grew well over 50%!

All this happened only thanks to open minded and tough calculating customers relying on the true "swissmade - label

Thank you

Team Can Man