



Can Man – the Company

The initial idea of Ruedi Umbricht was to maintain and upgrade existing canbody welding machines. With some years of welding-experience he started his small business on February 1st 1991 joined by his brother to sell and install static frequency inverters and design wire profiling units, guidance tools and Z-bars in order to upgrade automatic welders from «butterfly» to WIMA overlap.

Market demands for new technologies were high, forcing the two brothers to develop their first fully automatic canbody welder, type «Can Man 18» with 4 tools in 1995 to be followed by the «CM16» at up to 180 cpm at the end of 1996.

In 2000 Can Man surprised the world being able to operate WIMA-welds without a calibration crown on semiautomatic welders – CM21-WIMA was born. Along, first welders with the new operator-friendly Can Man design were delivered. Can Man transformed as well from a development team to something of a «production place».

As a 10-year anniversary birthday present in 2001 Can Man moved its facility from Aarau to Hallwil and delivered the 50th welder. The team had steadily grown to a highly motivated group of 10 hard working specialists for canbody welding. In the following years most of Can Man state of the art technology was developed. Upfront the world's first fully digital frequency inverter called Pacemaker™. The «working horse» CM16 got a tune up to crack the 300 cpm (up to 60 m/min) mark.

2004 The X-century is launched! 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. A little later, long with the new X-line welder X8, came a step-up in marketing with the Xpress (Can Man Newsletter) and a new website appearance to provide better information to the market.

In 2005 our first overseas office in Bangkok/Thailand opened to support our customers in Southeast Asia along with the conversion of Can Man into a shareholders company. With far the fastest electronic power in terms of processor speed our new welding monitor system called Can Man PACEMAKER Plus™ sets the new standard in canbody welding- process and -quality control.

2006 was our production peak with over 40 welders up and running worldwide within one year! To have a better focus on the market the new department marketing/communication started its activities.

2007 firms under the topic «reorganization» – our production team grew to 20 specialists assembling different products and one person constantly doing set up's and maintenance at our customers plants. Surprisingly we still count not more than four persons in management and administration. We supplied the 250th welder (per July 2007) including the world's first high speed WeldCENTER X1 with a production capacity of up to 600 cpm up and running! Our market share (Europe, East and Middle East) grew meanwhile well over 50%! All this happened only thanks to open minded and tough calculating customers relying on the original Swiss made quality of our products.

We say thank you to all our customers supporting us every day and pushing us to our limits to develop even better products. Without you, there is no success!

Your Can Man team