

History

Responding to global societal challenges; thinking of our 100th anniversary and beyond.

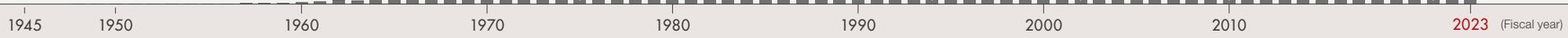
What we have not changed
Development of products that bring together humans and machines to attain safety, ANSHIN, and well-being

What we have changed
Product strategy and multi-regional development that respond to needs of the times



Sales history

Legend: Net sales (grey), Overseas net sales (red)



Expanding the global business

Supporting Japan's manufacturing in the postwar reconstruction period

When IDEC started to do business, it was initially engaged in the sale of electric appliances, including retail sales. Recognizing the shortage of switch boxes, that were essential for many machines, IDEC developed high-quality switch boxes, which became IDEC's long-selling products. The switch boxes as well as explosion protection products, which were widely used in textile and chemical plants and petrochemical complexes, helped support Japan's manufacturing in the postwar reconstruction period.



SB metallic switch box

Contributing to automation and mechanization, as a comprehensive control device manufacturer

Propelled by rapid economic growth in Japan, IDEC was transformed into a comprehensive control device manufacturer. In tandem with the advance of automation and mechanization of factory equipment, IDEC expanded into the field of electronics and system products. Pursuing corporate scale expansion and responding to the trend for greater mass production, IDEC established overseas manufacturing and sales sites, and global business expansion led to further business growth and to a stock listing upgrade to the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1990.

Creating the "optimum environment for humans and machines"

In manufacturing, environments in which humans and machines coexist have become common and increasingly vital for society. In response to this, we developed the first interlock switches and enabling devices in Japan to meet the needs of safety and productivity-conscious facilities. In addition, we introduced a robot control cell production system that realizes multi-product and variable-volume production at our core factory, promoting automation and labor-savings.

Solving global societal challenges

In its 60th anniversary year, 2005, the company changed its name to IDEC CORPORATION. In 2017, IDEC acquired APEM Group of France, as part of its global business expansion. IDEC strives to develop new businesses that contribute to solving societal challenges. We will thus continue to transform and stand up to challenges, so that our company becomes truly global and attains sustainable growth.