

# Made for Generations.

Hawle's Pioneering Spirit Since 1948.

**Drinking water is one of the most important resources in the world and has been a priority at Hawle for more than 70 years. Clean drinking water means life. And with life comes certain obligations. This is why Hawle is creating the most secure connections in the global drinking water supply.**

The Hawle success story began in 1948 with the idea to create a revolutionary pipe connection for drinking water pipelines. Based in Vöcklabruck, the Hawle Austria Group today manufactures the highest quality valves and fittings for water distribution and provides worldwide product solutions that have been made by the company for decades, and are used from the source right through to the connection in homes.

## It Started with an Idea

During the Second World War, Engelbert Hawle was responsible for maintaining the water supply for the Austrian company Steyr-Werke. He became very interested in the idea of how two pipes can be connected. It was this simple question that led to a revolutionary idea and encouraged him to found his company in Vöcklabruck, Austria, in 1948. The next few decades would turn the company into the achievement of a lifetime.

## Problem Solver and Entrepreneur

Hawle was full of ideas and passion. In 1948, the trained machinist began manufacturing spar flanges in his modest workshop. These were used to seal and connect pipes. Equipped with just a drill, a lathe, and a rubber press, Engelbert Hawle was a true problem-solver and entrepreneur, in a time when there was a great deal of rebuilding to be done following the war. His lack of tools did not hinder him at all. On the contrary, it spurred him on to find customer-oriented solutions to new product requirements.

As more and more customers started requesting gate valves, he used his existing production skills in processing rubber to develop his next revolutionary product, in 1958: the first resilient seated gate valve. This cemented Hawle's position as a leader in innovation. With his innovative spirit and ambition to keep developing his products further, Hawle reached ever greater milestones over the decades. Today, Hawle is the world's leading company for quality in valves and fittings for water distribution.

## From Vöcklabruck to Peru

The first production site, set up in Vöcklabruck in 1948, was followed in 1962 by the branch in Frankenmarkt, Austria. Today, E. Hawle Armaturenwerke GmbH is the biggest subsidiary of the Hawle Austria Group, based in Vöcklabruck and Frankenmarkt. Hawle's pioneering mind shows itself through the company's expansion: In the wake of the opening up of the eastern borders, Hawle expanded his business to Eastern Europe and in 1989 founded a branch in Hungary, together with Hawle Germany. This was followed by the opening of additional subsidiaries:

- 1992 Hawle Armatury spol. s r. o. – Czech Republic
- 1994 Fabryka Armatury Hawle Spółka z o.o. – Poland
- 2000 Hawle s.r.o. – Slovakia
- 2003 EGM Industrieguss GmbH – Austria

- 2004 Hawle Service GmbH – Austria
- 2005 OOO Hawle Industriewerke – Russia
- 2011 OZ-KAN MAKINA ELM. SAN. ve TIC. A.S. – Turkey
- 2012 Hawle Holding GmbH and Hawle Beteiligungsgesellschaft m.b.H. – Austria

In 2012, the Hawle Austria Group was reorganized. The newly formed Hawle Beteiligungsgesellschaft m.b.H., under the parent company Hawle Holding GmbH, became responsible for the organization of all companies in the Hawle Austria Group both in Austria and abroad.

- 2014 Strojírna Šanov spol. s.r.o. – Czech Republic
- 2015 NOVA SIRIA S.r.l – Italy
- 2019 Hawle Valves India Private Limited - India
- 2019 R2M Ltd. – Great Britain

It is the Hawle Austria Group's international focus and the broad skill set of the global subsidiaries and sales partners, located in more than 60 further countries, that enables the company to provide customer-oriented product solutions from the source right through to the connection in the home. In 2019, the Hawle Austria Group achieved a turnover of 191 million euros.

### **No Compromises on Quality**

Hawle products are only manufactured using state-of-the-art production facilities. The origins of the raw materials are particularly important for the production process: 98% of all raw materials come from Europe. 99% of all plastic parts are manufactured in-house, thereby keeping the strain on the environment to a minimum by reducing transportation. This uncompromising approach to quality and functionality enables the company's 10-year quality guarantee in the drinking water industry, which is second to none in the market. Hawle production stands out thanks to its enormous real net output ratio. Its manufacturing processes are all carried out according to the principles of best practice, and it boasts extremely high standards of technology.

### **Hawle as an Employer**

Hawle is an economically stable, internationally active, family company. In order to continue the successes of the past far into the future, advancement is a key focus at Hawle. The company values the potential, innovativeness, and passion of every single employee, offering a wide range of specialist training opportunities and actively supporting its junior staff members. The combination of tradition and innovation makes Hawle an attractive employer, with numerous benefits and an active belief in corporate social responsibility. In 2019, the Hawle Austria Group employed 1200 people around the world.

### **Do you have any questions about Hawle? If so, please get in touch:**

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