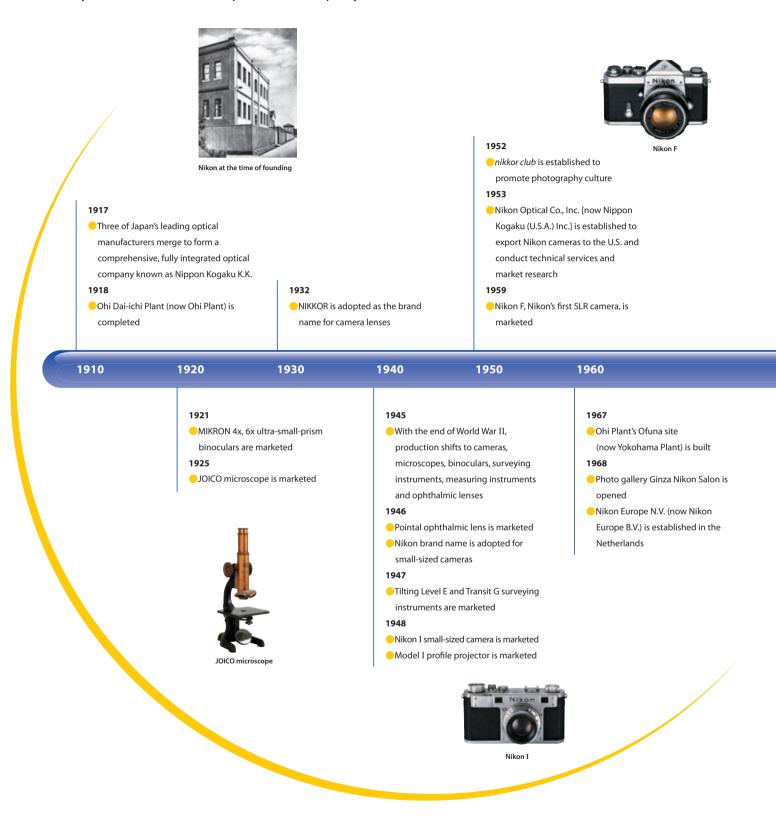
Mastering optical and precision technologies.

Nikon's corporate history began in 1917 and the manufacture of optical glass started the next year. Since then, the two constants have always been our awareness of users' stringent demands and our uncompromising attitude toward manufacturing to continuously meet those demands. This spirit has uninterruptedly been handed down in Nikon.





First overseas production facility Nikon (Thailand) Co., Ltd.

Nikon (Thailand) Co., Ltd. is established

1991

Mito Plant is built

1992

Nikon Instech Co., Ltd. is established

D1 digital SLR camera is marketed

In-house company system is inaugurated



2010

- Nikon Head Office is relocated to Shin-Yurakucho Bldg.
- D3S and D3X digital SLR cameras, and NIKKOR lenses are used in the International Space Station (ISS)

2011

Nikon 1 J1 and V1 advanced cameras with interchangeable lenses are marketed

- NSR-S621D ArF immersion scanner is marketed
- Nikon Plaza Sendai is opened
- D4 digital SLR camera is marketed



Nikon D4

1970 1980

Ohi Plant's Sagamihara site

Nikon Photomic FTN is mounted on

(now Sagamihara Plant) is built

1971

Apollo 15

NSR-1010G

1990

2000

2010

1980

- Nikon F3 SLR camera is marketed
- NSR-1010G Step-and-Repeat System is marketed

1981

- Ehrenreich Photo-Optical Industries, Inc. is acquired in the U.S. and renamed Nikon Inc.
- Nikon Fieldscope is marketed

1984

Kumagaya Plant is built

1985

Total Station DTM-1 surveying instrument is marketed

1986

- Nikon Hong Kong Ltd. is established
- NSR-L7501G large substrate exposure system is marketed

1988

- Nikon Photo Products Inc. (now Nikon Imaging Japan Inc.) is established
- Corporate name is changed to Nikon Corporation

2000

 Nikon-Essilor Co., Ltd., joint venture with Essilor International of France, is established

2002

Nikon Imaging (China) Co., Ltd. is established

2003

Nikon-Trimble Co., Ltd., a joint venture with Trimble Navigation Ltd. of the U.S., is established

2004

- Yokohama Plant's Yokosuka Branch (now Yokosuka Plant) is built
- Nikon F6 SLR camera is marketed

2006

NSR-S609B ArF immersion scanner is marketed

2007

D3 digital SLR camera is marketed

2009

- FX-101S LCD scanner is marketed
- Metris NV became Nikon Metrology NV, a wholly owned subsidiary of Nikon Corporation

