



Innovative Firsts

1946 — Eames Molded Plywood Chair — Our first Eames product, a technological triumph and now a design classic...*Time Magazine's Design of the Century*.



1950 — Scanlon Plan — First company in Michigan to adopt gain sharing and participative management.



1968 — Action Office — First panel systems furniture; the Action Office system re-shaped offices and the office furniture industry.

1976 — Ergon — First ergonomic work chair; the Ergon chair introduced the study of ergonomics to an entire industry.



1979–1986 — Facility Management Institute — First support organization for facility manager, giving them new status and a new professionalism.



1983 — Employee Ownership — First in our industry to make all full-time employees stockholders.

1992 — Z-AXIS — First interactive, 3D software to allow customers to see furniture they are ordering and watch the order transmitted automatically.



1995 — Aeron — First no foam, ergonomically and environmentally superior work chair.



2000 — Resolve — First no-panel, 120-degree work system — the future of the office.

2000 — Fortune — Ranked first in our industry by *Fortune* magazine for environmental and social responsibility.



2005 — Celle — First work chair to use Cellular Suspension, a patented system of cells and loops that flexes in concert with the body's movements for day-long comfort.



2005 — Babble — First revolutionary voice privacy technology to provide voice confidentiality and security without walls.



2006 — My Studio Environments — First systems product to provide a private office feel in an open space plan.

