

A History of Achievements

- 1951 | 7 Nippon Miniature Bearing Co., Ltd., Japan's first specialized manufacturer of miniature ball bearings, is incorporated in Azusawa, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo.
- 1956 | 10 The Company relocates its headquarters to Nihonbashi-Kabuto-cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, and its factory to Kami Aoki-cho, Kawaguchi, Saitama.
- 1959 | 6 A new plant is established at Aoki-cho, Kawaguchi, Saitama, to serve as the Company's integrated headquarters and factory.
- 1961 | 8 The Company's stock is listed on the over-the-counter market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 1961 | 10 With the establishment of the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the company's stock is listed on this section.
- 1962 | 11 A representative office is set up in the United States to cultivate the U.S. market.
- 1963 | 3 A plant is established in Karuizawa, Nagano. Some operations are relocated to the Karuizawa Plant.
- 1965 | 7 The Kawaguchi Factory is closed and its equipment is conveyed to Karuizawa. The Company's headquarter is shifted from Kawaguchi, Saitama, to Miyota-machi, Kitasaku-gun, Nagano.
- 1967 | 3 A representative office is set up in London to promote business in Europe.
- 1968 | 9 Subsidiary Nippon Miniature Bearing Corporation (the present NMB Technologies Corporation) is established in Los Angeles, California.
- 1970 | 10 The Company's stock listing is shifted from the Second Section to the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 1971 | 4 Sales subsidiary NMB (U.K.) Ltd. is established in the United Kingdom.
- 1971 | 5 The Company's stock is listed on the First Sections of the Osaka Securities Exchange and Nagoya Stock Exchange.
- 1971 | 9 The Company acquires the U.S. firm Reed Instrument Corp. (the present Chatsworth Plant of New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Inc.) from SKF, Inc., of Sweden and commences production in the United States.
- 1972 | 2 Manufacturing subsidiary NMB Singapore Ltd. is established in Singapore. (Production begins in 1973.)
- 1974 | 9 The Company acquires Shinko Communication Industry Co., Ltd., a major strain gage manufacturer listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 1975 | 1 The Company acquires U.S. company IMC Magnetics Corp., a listed manufacturer of small precision motors.
- 1975 | 7 The Company acquires a leading fastener producer, Tokyo Screw Co., Ltd. (the present Fujisawa Plant), and an electromagnetic clutch manufacturer, Shin Chuo Kogyo Co., Ltd. (the present Omori Plant), both of which are listed on the Second Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
- 1977 | 9 The Company acquires Hansen Manufacturing Co., Inc. (the present Hansen Corporation), which is, at the time, the motor manufacturing division of Mallory Corp., a U.S. multinational.
- 1977 | 10 Sales subsidiary Nippon Miniature Bearing GmbH (the present NMB-Minebea-GmbH) is established in Germany.
- 1980 | 3 The Company acquires the Singapore factory of Koyo Seiko Co., Ltd., and establishes Pelmec Industries (Pte.) Ltd. to manufacture small-sized ball bearings.
- 1980 | 8 Manufacturing subsidiary NMB Thai Limited (the present NMB-Minebea Thai Ltd.) is established in Thailand. (Production begins in 1982.)
- 1981 | 1 The marketing division of the Company is spun off as subsidiary NMB (Japan) Corporation, which is charged with integrating marketing operations for all manufacturing companies in the Minebea Group.
- 1981 | 10 The Company absorbs four of its manufacturing affiliates—Tokyo Screw Co., Ltd., Shinko Communication Industry Co., Ltd., Shin Chuo Kogyo Co., Ltd., and Osaka Motor Wheel Co., Ltd.—and changes its name to Minebea Co., Ltd.
- 1982 | 9 Sales subsidiary NMB Italia S.r.l. is established in Italy.
- 1983 | 3 The Company acquires a cooling fan manufacturer, Kondo Electric Works Ltd. (the present NMB Electro Precision, Inc.).
- 1984 | 8 Two manufacturing subsidiaries, Minebea Thai Limited and Pelmec Thai Ltd. (the present NMB-Minebea Thai Ltd.), are established in Thailand.
- 1985 | 3 The Company acquires New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Inc., a listed U.S. ball bearing manufacturer.
- 1985 | 9 The Company acquires the Miami Lakes operations of Harris Corporation, a U.S. manufacturer of switching power supplies.
- 1986 | 5 The R&D Center and subsidiary Minebea Electronics Co., Ltd., are established in Asaba-cho, Iwata-gun (the present city of Fukuroi), Shizuoka.
- 1987 | 5 Manufacturing joint venture Thai Ferrite Co., Ltd. (the present NMB-Minebea Thai Ltd.), is established in Thailand.
- 1988 | 2 The Company acquires Rose Bearings Ltd. (the present NMB-Minebea UK Ltd), a U.K. manufacturer of rod-end and spherical bearings.

- 3 Sales subsidiary NMB Technologies, Inc. (the present NMB Technologies Corporation), is established in the United States to coordinate sales and marketing of Minebea's electronic devices.
- Manufacturing joint venture Minebea Electronics (Thailand) Company Limited (the present NMB-Minebea Thai Ltd.) is established.
- 12 Manufacturing subsidiaries NMB Hi-Tech Bearings Ltd. and NMB Precision Balls Limited (the present NMB-Minebea Thai Ltd.) are established in Thailand.
- 1989 | 1 Marketing subsidiary NMB France S.a.r.l. (the present NMB Minebea S.A.R.L.) is established.
- 1990 | 10 Papst-Minebea-Disc-Motor GmbH (the present Precision Motors Deutsche Minebea GmbH), a joint venture with Papst-Motoren GmbH & Co. KG, is established in Germany to manufacture HDD spindle motors.
- 11 Rose Bearings Ltd. (the present NMB-Minebea UK Ltd), in the United Kingdom, commences production of ball bearings at its Skegness Plant.
- 1992 | 2 The Company absorbs Sorensen Ltd. and reestablishes it as Minebea Electronics (UK) Ltd., a manufacturer of switching power supplies in Scotland.
- 1993 | 8 Joint venture agreement with Papst-Motoren GmbH & Co. KG of Germany is cancelled. The Company acquires all outstanding shares in Papst-Minebea-Disc-Motor GmbH and changes the company's name to Precision Motors Deutsche Minebea GmbH (PMDM).
- 10 Sales and R&D subsidiary Minebea Trading Pte. Ltd. is established in Singapore.
- 1994 | 4 Manufacturing subsidiary Minebea Electronics & Hi-Tech Components (Shanghai) Ltd. is established in China.
- 1996 | 8 A vertically integrated ball bearing production facility—Minebea's largest to date—commences operations in Shanghai.
- 10 U.K. subsidiary NMB (U.K.) Ltd. establishes a new PC keyboard printing plant in Inchinnan, Scotland.
- 1999 | 3 The Company commences quality evaluation and testing at the NMB Corporation Technical Center in the United States.
- 7 U.S. subsidiaries NMB Corporation and NMB Technologies, Inc., merge to form NMB Technologies Corporation.
- 2000 | 3 The Company acquires Kuen Dar (M) Sdn. Bhd., a Malaysian speaker box manufacturer.
- 2002 | 8 Huan Hsin Holdings Ltd., of Singapore, and Sheng Ding Pte. Ltd.—a joint venture between Minebea and Huan Hsin—establishes PC keyboard manufacturing subsidiary Shanghai Shun Ding Technologies Ltd. in China.
- Minebea establishes sales company Minebea (Hong Kong) Ltd. in China.
- 9 Minebea establishes sales companies Minebea Trading (Shenzhen) Ltd. and Minebea Trading (Shanghai) Ltd. in China.
- 2004 | 4 Minebea establishes joint venture Minebea–Matsushita Motor Corporation (the present Minebea Motor Manufacturing Corporation) with Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., with the aim of integrating the fan motor, stepping motor, vibration motor and brush DC motor businesses of the two parent companies.
- 7 Subsidiary NMB-Minebea UK Ltd establishes wholly owned subsidiary NMB Minebea Slovakia s.r.o. in the Slovak Republic and later shifts printing of Minebea's European-language PC keyboards to the new company.
- 2006 | 3 Minebea dissolves joint venture agreement with Huan Hsin Holdings Ltd. of Singapore and purchases all shares in joint venture Sheng Ding Pte. Ltd.
- 2008 | 4 Minebea amalgamates seven companies in Thailand (NMB Thai Ltd., Pelmec Thai Ltd., Minebea Thai Ltd., NMB Hi-Tech Bearings Ltd., NMB Precision Balls Limited, Minebea Electronics (Thailand) Co., Ltd., and Power Electronics of Minebea Co., Ltd.) under the name NMB-Minebea Thai Ltd.
- 7 Minebea opens the Advanced Electronic R&D Center Europe (Advanced Electronic Research and Development Centre Europe) in Odelzhausen, Germany.
- 2009 | 1 Minebea acquires the stepping motor division of FDK Corporation and establishes the Micro Actuator Business Unit.
- 3 Minebea acquires miniature and small-sized ball bearings manufacturer myonic Holding GmbH of Germany and its subsidiaries.
- 2010 | 4 Minebea Motor Manufacturing Corp. acquires the information motor division in the Motor Company of Panasonic Corporation and established the Brushless Motor Division.