

Schwank

Cologne, Northrhine-Westphalia



Founded in 1933

The Schwank Group is an internationally active company for heating and climate systems. The world market leader in the sector of infrared-based industrial heating systems began its history in 1933 in Fegersheim, Alsace. It was there that Günther Schwank founded the company and patented his invention of the gas infrared heater in 1938. Today, the Schwank Group has production sites in Germany, Canada, the USA, China and Russia and sells its products in more than 40 countries. Subsidiaries are also located in Russia, China, Great Britain, Benelux, Poland, Romania, Austria, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The company's customers include general

contractors, planning offices, technical management/industry, tradesmen, logistics companies, sports facilities, workshops and showrooms. Exports account for 52% of the company's total annual turnover of around 50.6 million euros. Schwank employs 180 people, out of a total of 320, in Germany. The equity ratio of the Schwank Group is 76%.

The company is owned by the third generation of the family. Two family members hold 66% and 33% of the shares respectively. The corporate structure consists of a holding company and subsidiaries, with an advisory board acting as the controlling body. The company, which has been owner-managed by Oliver Schwank since 2004, expanded its top management in 2016 with Prof. Dr.-Ing. Friedhelm Schlößer. Besides company founder Günther Schwank (1905-1955), his successor Bernd Schwank (1948-2017) and the current managing director Oliver Schwank (1969-) had a decisive influence on the development of the company's history. After Bernd Schwank joined the company in 1970, the first foreign subsidiaries were found-

„We don't know how long our heating systems will last. We've only been in business for 70 years.“

Bernd H. Schwank



Schwank tube heaters are designed for efficiency and longevity. Award-worthy technology that has won many awards.



Thanks to the Schwank heating technology, no one has to freeze in the stands to watch the game, as here with Real Madrid.

ded. The next milestone in the company's history was the first hybrid system with heat recovery in 1988. In 2008 the Schwank Group celebrated its 75th anniversary and in 2009 the sale of 2 million infrared radiators. The Handelsblatt elected Schwank as one of Germany's top 100 medium-sized companies. In 2013 and 2017, Schwank won the Industry Award. Wirtschaftswoche named the company a world market leader in 2017, 2018 and 2019. In 2017, Schwank was able to present the tube heater with combustion mix. In 2018, the company was named one of the most innovative medium-sized companies, and in 2019, the Schwank Group was pleased to announce a record turnover of 50.6 million euros and the world premiere

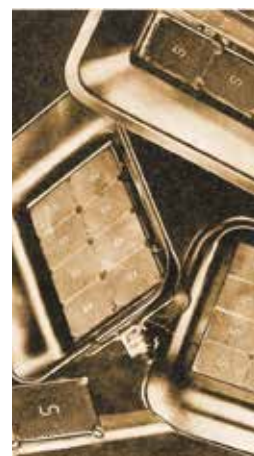
of a luminous heater with combustion mix. In addition to in-house and external training and education, the Schwank Group lives up to its corporate responsibility by running and promoting external projects. Examples include the Chair of Cost Engineering at the University of Applied Sciences Südwestfalen, where Master's students of industrial engineering are trained, and the cooperation with the Technical University of Cologne. The work of the Association of German Engineers (VDI) is also supported, as well as the examination and steering committees of the Cologne Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the South Westphalian Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Hagen.

Social responsibility

Schwank considers the training of industrial and commercial employees to be a social responsibility of the company. In addition to internships for pupils and students, Schwank also offers the opportunity to write practice-related bachelor's and master's theses. Scientific supervision is provided by employees of the company. In addition, Schwank organises and conducts its own university seminars. In addition to the Association of German Engineers (VDI), the company has been cooperating with several universities and research institutes in Germany and abroad for many years.



As the market leader in the field of infrared technology (luminous and tube heaters), Schwank already heats more than 30 million square metres of logistics space in an energy-saving way.



Innovation from its beginnings in Fegersheim, Alsace, to the new building in Cologne-Niehl and today - the world's first Gas-Infrared heater is just one of the many patents Schwank can lay claim to.

Did you know?

Chelsea Football Club has opted for Schwank-heated stands thanks to the former wife of the club's owner Roman Abramovich. The couple got to know the advantages of Schwank heating at a Champions League match in Madrid. There, the two sat in the stands in pleasant temperatures despite the cold. When asked, Abramovich was told that this was due to the heating under the roof of the stands. His companion then urged him to install such a heating system in his English club as well. No sooner said than done! Today, Chelsea FC also benefits from Schwank's heat.

Chronology

1933 Foundation by Günther Schwank

1938 Invention and patent of the world's first gas infrared heater

1951 Start of series production of infrared heaters

1970 Bernd Schwank joins the company; first foreign subsidiaries founded

1988 The first hybrid system with heat recovery is installed

2004 Oliver Schwank joins the company in the third generation

2017 World premiere of the tube heater with combustion mix

2019 World premiere of luminous heaters with combustion mix; Schwank achieves a record turnover of 50.6 million



Bernd and Oliver Schwank, second and third generation at the helm of the family business. Since 2016, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Friedhelm Schlößer has been helping to drive the business forward as the second managing director.

Facts and figures

Founder: Günther Schwank 1933

Industry: heating and climate systems

Products: Heating and air-climate systems for industry and commerce

Locations: Germany, USA / Canada, China, Russia and seven other countries

Distribution: in over 40 countries

Employees: 320

Turnover: 50.6 million euros

Innovations: Gas infrared heaters, tube and luminous heaters with combustion mix

Patents: 43

Apprenticeships: 4

Family influence: family-run

Family shares in the company: 100%

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