

50 years of Feige FILLING **An anniversary celebrated under the best omens**

In 2022, Feige FILLING, the leading manufacturer of filling systems for liquid and pasty products, is celebrating its anniversary. The company can look back on five successful decades – and is also excellently positioned for the future. The birthday is to be officially celebrated in Bad Oldesloe in September.

When Gerhard Feige founded the Feige FILLING GmbH with five employees in Hamburg in 1972, he was translating his vision into reality: He wanted to simplify and accelerate the hitherto mostly manual filling of liquids into drums. That this idea would result in the development of a world-wide operating and successful company was not yet clear at the time.

Together with a welder and a turner, he developed the first semi-automatic drum filling system, today's ELEMENTRA 29. In 1974, the first semi-automatic can filling machine was sold! And in 1984, the first fully automatic drum filling line type 84, today INTEGRA 84, was launched on the market. Until today, drum filling is one of the core competences of FEIGE!

From the beginning, Feige FILLING has believed in innovations and constant advancement. The company made a name for itself around the globe with the design, manufacture, sales, and distribution of filling systems for liquid and pasty products in different containers. Branches around the globe guarantee an integral range of services. Marketing subsidiaries were founded in the U.S.A., in Singapore and in France. Almost 5000 systems were installed worldwide during five decades.

New synergies, global success

In 1987, the GmbH relocated to Bad Oldesloe so as to be able to continue expanding the production capacities at the new site extending over 12,000 m². Since 2003, Feige FILLING has been part of the Haver & Boecker Group, the specialist for bulk materials packing with its head office in Oelde (Westphalia) and 150 agencies on all five continents. As independent subsidiary, sustainable synergies and further growth opportunities arise for the company from Bad Oldesloe. The concentrated know-how led to the successful development of the LIFFS machine. Mechanical engineering by

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HAYER & BOECKER and filling technology by FEIGE.

Today, more than 110 employees develop, produce and market state-of-the-art filling machines in many versions: from the semi-automatic filling station to the fully automatic filling system and large-scale turnkey projects that are handed over ready-for-use. Service employees travel around the world to install, service and modernise the machines.

The customers include well-known manufacturers from the chemical and pharmaceutical industry, from the food and petrochemical sector, from Asia, France, the U.S.A., and Brazil. Recently, Feige FILLING eliminated a Chinese competitor from the field and subsequently stood the test as partner of the worldwide largest supplier of highly poisonous MDI (methylen diphenyl isocyanates) in the Chinese town of Ningbo.

Pioneering visions, innovative ideas

The success of Feige FILLING rests on its innovative strength. Through the years, the very first vision of Gerhard Feige was followed by new, improved and more efficient solutions by means of which the company was able to meet the customers' requirements and to secure competitive advantages for them. A ground-breaking example from the year 1991 was the filling technique of pallet filling robot 71, which for the first time used a camera for bunnhole identification.

With the development of digital technologies, for example the remote panel for remote operation of the filling systems, the innovative WEB HMI with intuitive design and gesture control or the intelligent Quat²ro monitoring system for a detailed analysis of the production process, Feige FILLING has accomplished the leap into the future. In particular during the difficult times of the pandemic, the digital strength of the company has turned the work even across continents into an efficient affair and often even made it possible at all.

Sustainable thinking, responsible acting

Today, the focus of development is on the three core areas environment, employees, and economic sustainability. This includes on the one hand more efficient systems, energy-saving components, and environmentally sound processes. However, for Feige FILLING, a responsible corporate culture also includes familiar, trusting dealings with and among employees, flat hierarchies and a service-oriented and at the same time cooperative conduct vis-à-vis the customers.

A large celebration for the employees with many surprises is planned for September at the industrial site in Bad Oldesloe. Our hopes are high that despite and even with Covid this is going to be a joyous celebration.



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