

Kemppi – a pioneer in welding technology

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The Kemppi Group in facts and figures

- Kemppi is a world-leading manufacturer of arc welding equipment and a provider of solutions for highly productive welding.
- Global revenue totals 111 million euros a year (2013)
- Production plants: two in Lahti region, Finland and one in Chennai, India
- Own offices in 16 countries and regular export into 70 different countries
- About 626 employees
- Kemppi Oy is a subsidiary of Kemppi Group Oy.

The company still relies on the basic values that have guided its operations from the very beginning.

- **Entrepreneurship** and confidence in our capabilities form the cornerstone of Kemppi's success. They provide a solid foundation for the courage and readiness to take risks that are required for being able to respond to new market situations.
- **Innovativeness**, curiosity, and an open-minded attitude in all operations are manifested as continuous searching for new ideas. Inventiveness means the courage to view matters from the other side, too. One should not fear mistakes, but learn from them.
- **Honesty** comes naturally to us at Kemppi. One should be honest to oneself in order to be able to treat others honestly. Honesty and reliability go hand in hand – at Kemppi, we keep our promises.
- **Respect for the individual** also means respecting differences. Good decisions are made when several opinions are heard and taken into consideration. Respecting other people and understanding their motives makes co-operation easier in an international operating environment.

In its over 60 years of operation, Kemppi has introduced many new innovations to the market, pioneering the development of both welding technology and productive welding solutions. Kemppi will invest in continuous research and product development in the future, too, placing the primary emphasis on usability and design, in addition to the technical quality of the products.

According to Kemppi's product promise, we will keep the '**Arc Under Control**' and always offer its customers more comprehensive solutions than before.

Kemppi's business operations, today covering the entire world, are still led from the head office in Lahti, Finland. In addition to the sales and administration operations, the unit in Lahti's Okeroinen has a research and product development department and modern manufacturing facilities including new electronics factory built in 2009.

Kemppi has globally 626 employees ensuring the continuous supply and high quality of products, as well as well-functioning customer service. By producing high-quality products and services, Kemppi shows the value it places on ensuring that customers can enjoy welding both during the work and when viewing the results. That is our customer promise: '**The Joy of Welding**'.

Important milestones

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| 2010 | Kemppi DataStore concept wins the Quality Innovation of the Year 2010 award, presented by president of Finland Tarja Halonen. |
| 2009 | Kemppi's FitWeld 300 and SuperSnake received honourable mentions from the international red dot design award competition jury. |

- 2006 Kemppe's MinarcMig™ Adaptive 180 received the international red dot design award.
- 2005 Chairman of the Board Jouko Kemppe was selected as Businessman of the Year in Finland for 2005.
- 2004 The European Organization for Nuclear Research, CERN, ordered 200 special power sources for the new LHC particle accelerator from Kemppe.
- 2001 Kemppe was awarded the ISO 14001 environmental management certificate.
- 2001 The one-millionth welding machine manufactured by Kemppe was the Master MLS 2500, which was donated to the Finnish Red Cross on 23rd November 2001.
- 2001 Kemppe's Hilarc 250 was presented at the history exhibition in Essen Welding Fair as one of the most important milestones in the development of welding technology.
- 2001 Kemppe launched the Multi Logic System, or MLS™ system, to meet the need for high-quality user interfaces.
- 2001 Kemppe introduced the Isolated Cooling System, the ICST™ solution, which improves the reliability of welding machines.
- 1997 Kemppe brought the Mastertig AC/DC welding machines, utilising the latest digital control technology, to the market.
- 1993 Kemppe was one of the world's first equipment manufacturers to move from analogue to digital technology with its Kemppe Pro system.
- 1990 Kemppe was the first manufacturer of welding machines in the world to be awarded the ISO 9001 quality certificate.
- 1986 Kemppe received the Finnish Quality Award of Excellence Finland.
- 1981 Kemppe brought to the market the multi-process welding system called Multisystem, based on second-generation inverter technology.
- 1978 Kemppe's exports exceeded domestic sales.
- 1977 Kemppe's Hilarc product family introduced the world's first welding inverters.
- 1972 Kemppe established its first subsidiary, in Sweden.
- 1972 The founder of the company, Martti Kemppe, was nominated industrial counsellor
- 1968 Kemppe received the Finnish President's Export Award.
- 1968 The name 'Veljekset Kemppe Oy' was changed to 'Kemppe Oy'.
- 1968 Kemppe introduced the thyristor-controlled Tylarc power source.
- 1960 Kemppe brought its first MIG/MAG welding machine to the market in the mid-'60s.
- 1955 Veljekset Kemppe Oy began product exports when the first orders were received from Turkey.
- 1951 New production facilities were acquired from Lahti's Pekanmäki due to increased demand.
- 1949 Veljekset Kemppe Oy ('Partnership Brothers Kemppe') was founded in Lahti, Finland.

