Mar. 1918 Shokosha Watch Research Institute, forerunner of Citizen Watch Co., founded.

Apr. 1924 Citizen’s first pocket watch manufactured.

Mar. 1930 Citizen Watch Co., Ltd. founded.

June 1931 Citizen’s first wristwatch completed.

May 1931 Mr. Yosaburo Nakajima appointed president.

July 1941 Production of machine tools begun.

May 1936 Tanashi Factory built.

Apr. 1956 Japan’s first shock resistant watch, “Parashock,” marketed.

July 1945 Mr. Shinji Nakajima appointed president.


Mar. 1946 Mr. Eichi Yamada appointed president.


June 1949 Citizen Trading Co., Ltd. established.

April 1964 “Professional Diver 1,300 M,” marketed.

Mar. 1953 Rhythm Watch Co., Ltd. became an affiliate of Citizen Watch Co., Ltd.

Nov. 1979 World’s first LCD quartz watch with time signal function, “Citizen Quartz Multi-Alarm II,” marketed.

June 1958 Mr. Michio Nakajima appointed president.

May 1980 “Ana-Dog” marketed.


Mar. 1975 Yves St. Laurent brand watches marketed.


July 1959 “Citizen Quartz Crystron” marketed.


Dec. 1962 World’s thinnest three-hand watch marketed.


Mar. 1966 “Citizen Diamond 5C” introduced in the domestic market.

Feb. 1971 Precision Machinery Division established.


Feb. 1973 Work on a national watch production plant in India completed.


July 1961 Industrial machinery sales begun.


Sept. 1969 Business cooperation with Rhythm Watch Co., Ltd. strengthened, common brands introduced.


March 1918 Tokorozawa Technical Laboratory built.

June 1980 World’s first LCD quartz watch with time signal function, “Citizen Quartz Multi-Alarm II,” marketed.

Dec. 1924 Marketing of high-frequency “Citizen Mega Quartz” analog quartz watch accurate to within three seconds per year — the world’s most accurate watch.

Jan. 1938 “Citizen Quartz Crystron” marketed.

June 1985 Dot matrix printer “MSF” marketed.

June 1946 Mr. Eiichi Yamada appointed president.


May 1948 Mr. Shinji Nakajima appointed president.


Mar. 1949 Citizen Trading Co., Ltd. established.

May 1981 World’s first digital quartz watch with day and date, “Crystal Seven,” marketed.

June 1953 “Citizen Quartz 790,” marketed.

Jan. 1955 Yves St. Laurent brand watches marketed.


July 1952 Japan’s first watch with calendar marketed.

Aug. 1957 “Citizen Quartz Crystron” marketed.


June 1959 “Citizen Quartz Crystron” marketed.


April 1974 “Citizen Quartz Crystron” marketed.

Apr. 1975 Yves St. Laurent brand watches marketed.

Mar. 1953 Rhythm Watch Co., Ltd. became an affiliate of Citizen Watch Co., Ltd.

Nov. 1979 World’s first LCD quartz watch combined with analog quartz watch, “Citizen Quartz Digi-Ana,” marketed.

June 1962 Agreements with Gilman & Co. of Hong Kong for exports to Southeast Asia.


June 1963 Engineers’ mission to India dispatched.


July 1964 Tokorozawa Technical Laboratory built.

Feb. 1965 Citizen Office opened in Germany. Full-scale export of watches to Europe commenced.


Oct. 1965 Citizen Business Machines (now Japan CBM Corp.) established.

July 1966 First automatic watch plant exported to India.


Dec. 1966 First automatic watch plant exported to India.

May 1966 “Citizen Quartz Digi-Ana,” marketed.

July 1967 First automatic wash plant exported to India.

Jan. 1966 Marketing of high-frequency “Citizen Mega Quartz” analog quartz watch accurate to within three seconds per year — the world’s most accurate watch.

June 1968 World’s first LCD quartz watch with alarm, “Citizen Quartz Crystron Alarm LC,” introduced.

July 1969 First automatic wash plant exported to India.


Mar. 1978 Marketing of high-quality “Citizen Mega Quartz” analog quartz watch accurate to within three seconds per year — the world’s most accurate watch.


Sept. 1982 Special Sales Division (now Special Sales Group) established.

July 1979 World’s first LCD quartz watch with alarm, “Citizen Quartz Digi-Ana,” marketed.


March 1918 Tokorozawa Technical Laboratory built.

June 1982 “Citizen Quartz Crystron” marketed.

May 1983 Chip type LED marketed.


June 1984 World’s first inch-thick, 3.5-inch FDD marketed.


Oct. 1984 World’s first LCD quartz watch with temperature compensation marketed.

March 1918 Tokorozawa Technical Laboratory built.


July 1945 Mr. Shunji Nakajima appointed president.

June 1985 Dot matrix printer “MSF” marketed.

Nov. 1979 World’s first LCD quartz watch combined with analog quartz watch, “Citizen Quartz Digi-Ana,” marketed.

Feb. 1942 Citizen Watch Co., Ltd. acquired German machine tool firm, Beyley (G.M.B.H).

Feb. 1979 World’s first LCD quartz watch combined with analog quartz watch, “Citizen Quartz Digi-Ana,” marketed.

Apr. 1946 Light-powered “Eco-Drive” became the first watch to receive an Eco-Mark.

May 1979 World’s first LCD quartz watch with time signal function, “Citizen Quartz Multi-Alarm II,” marketed.

June 1945 Mr. Shunji Nakajima appointed president.

May 1980 World’s first LCD quartz watch with time signal function, “Citizen Quartz Multi-Alarm II,” marketed.

Mar. 1949 Citizen Trading Co., Ltd. established.


Mar. 1951 Citizen’s head office is moved to Nishi tokyo-shi.


July 1945 Mr. Shunji Nakajima appointed president.

May 1981 World’s first LCD quartz watch with time signal function, “Citizen Quartz Multi-Alarm II,” marketed.

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May 1980 World’s first LCD quartz watch with time signal function, “Citizen Quartz Multi-Alarm II,” marketed.

May 1980 World’s first watch with internal IC temperature compensation marketed.

May 1983 Chip type LED marketed.

June 1984 World’s first inch-thick, 3.5-inch FDD marketed.

June 1945 Mr. Shunji Nakajima appointed president.

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Dec. 1986 Became world's No. 1 producer of movements.

June 1987 Titanium watch "Atessa" marketed.


Nov. Striking marionette clock "Karakuri" marketed.

Nov. 1988 Digital blood pressure monitor marketed.


May High-class gold watch "Ascenda" marketed.

May World's first professional climbing watch with elevation sensor, "Altichron," marketed.

June 24-pin dot matrix printer "GSX-140" marketed.


Mar. 1993 "Cincom M16/M20," featuring the industry's first robotic turret function, marketed.

May World's first multizone "Radio-Controlled Watch" marketed.


Dec. World's smallest, lightest printer "PN60" marketed.


Nov. "Eco-Drive" marketed.

July 1996 "Eco-Drive Slim" marketed.

July Hypermecan-type color liquid crystal TV EN260 marketed.


June World's first watch requiring no battery change accurate to within 10 seconds a year, "Exceed," marketed.

Sept. Braille watch marketed on order-only basis.

Oct. "Exceed Eco-Drive International Model" featuring time difference adjustment function marketed worldwide.

Dec. "DataSlim," the world's smallest and lightest PC card size PDA, marketed.


Feb. 1999 Low-priced automatic CNC lathe "Cincom BL12" launched.

Mar. The Cincom M12 automatic lathe adapted to handle network operations.

May The truly outdoor watch, "Promaster Eco-Drive Super Tough," incorporating Parashock, marketed.

June "Atessa Radio-Controlled Eco-Drive Watch" with electronic correction and a light powered system marketed.


Sept. PC card-type measurement data recording instrument, the Datalogger, begun.

Nov. The Eco-Drive Thermo, which uses heat differential as an energy source, launched.

Mar. 2000 OEM sales of NTT DoCoMo's Pacty, an e-mail terminal with Internet browser, begun.

May Business card-sized card-type PDA, the DataSlim, 2, launched.

June "Atessa Radio-Controlled Eco-Drive Watch" marketed.

Aug. OEM shipments of NTT's Pocket Board Pad mobile e-mail terminal begun.

Oct. The Eco-Drive Vitro, incorporating the first transparent solar cell in a watch, is introduced.

Nov. The Campagnola collection of watches is introduced.

Nov. OEM shipments of Polaroid's P500 PhotoMate digital photo printer begun.

Dec. The latest model of The Citizen watch collection is introduced.

Feb. 2001 Sales of watches designed by customers are launched on the My Create Design Atelier Net website.

Feb. OEM shipments of NTT's Color Browser Board mobile web/email terminal begun.

Mar. The Promaster Cyber Aqualand dive computer watch, featuring a PC syncing function, is introduced.

Apr. The universal-design Mu watch is introduced.

Apr. The high-speed Cincom C16VII CNC automatic lathe with a sliding headstock is introduced.

May The high-speed C15VII series barcode printer is introduced.

June Named after the major league baseball sensation Ichiro Suzuki, the Ichiro watch is introduced by Japan CBM Corp.

June The high-precision, multifunction Cincom BL20 and BL25 CNC lathes with a fixed headstock are introduced.