# **Chesterton Through the Years: 1865 – 1949**

Chesterton

A.W. Chesterton, aged six, comes to America with his family.



1884

A.W. launches Chesterton and Company, a Steamboat and Engineers Supplies company, on the Boston waterfront at 49 India Street.

1875

1885



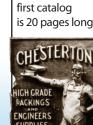
harles B. Devereaux.

Chesterton Tool for Cutting Glass Gage-Tubes Chesterton patents improvements to tools for cutting glass gage tubes.

## 1895 **Chesterton Steam Packing**

1895

Chesterton patents steam packing consisting of a rubber coated inner core surrounded by woven braided packing.



Chesterton's

1902

is 20 pages long.

Chesterton buys Ingall's Boiler Cleaners, and with it, becomes a national distributor.



Chesterton sets up production n Melrose, MA.

A.W. Chesterton (sitting; bowler hat) with his staff, 64 India Street,

addition.



The Melrose plant is expanded with a concrete



Chesterton's product offerings grow to fill the 1224 pages of the Chesterton Catalog. A.W. travels across America to sell Chesterton



1931

Charles B. Devereaux passes away.

# 1932

Chesterton expands operation in Melrose, MA. The original plant is torn down and replaced with a two-story, red brick building.



Dick McDermott

# joins the firm as a salesman.

(President) and Tom (Treasurer) take over management of the company



Chesterton 600 Parachute™ Packing V-Ring Set First and only V-Ring packing set needing no special top adapter.



**Dev Chesterton** joins the Navy and Tom Chesterton takes over the office

### 1945

Chesterton ventures into the maintenance chemical business.



64 India St. is demolished to make way for Interstate 93 also known as The Central Artery and the John F. Fitzgerald Expressway

Headquarters are moved to Everett, MA.

G.B. Sherman launches international business.

1945

World War II ends.

1865

1865

End of America's Civil War.

President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated.

1900

Hawaii is declared a U.S. territory.

Johan Vaaler invents the paperclip.

World population is roughly 1.7 billion, up from 1 billion in 1800.

Wright brothers first engine powered flight at Kitty Hawk, NC.

1910

Start of World War I.

1915

Germans sink

the Lusitania.

1917

Chesterton starts

Advance Packing

Chicago, supplying

and Supply in

the Midwest.

The first ship powered by diesel is launched.

Henry Ford produces the first Model T automobile.

1919

Congress passes the 19th Amendment, aiving women the right to vote.

1920

League of Nations is created.

1918

End of World War I.

In the U.S. prices are twice what they had been in 1916.

Unemployment rises.

1922

RCA radio-faxes a photograph across the Atlantic Ocean

Insulin is discovered and used to treat diabetes.

1929

1928

Chesterton 64

Steam Packing

First high-pressure

steam packing retaining

compressibility and

resisting hardening

at high temperatures.

The U.S. Stock Market crashes, signalling the beginning of the The Great Depression.

1930

Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin.

Edwin Hubble discovers that galaxies are moving away from each other.

1927

Lindbergh flies from the U.S. to France in the first non-stop solo transatlantic flight.

1935

Amelia Earhart becomes the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to California.

Persia is renamed Iran.

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicates Hoover Dam.

Parker Brothers releases the board game Monopoly.

Start of World War II.

1941

The U.S. enters World War II with the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Defense spending lifts the country out of The Great Depression.

The Kingdom of Siam becomes the Kingdom of Thailand.

1949

Lise Meitner publishes her discovery

of nuclear fission, atom splitting.

Erich Warsitz flies the first turbine-equipped jet aircraft, the Heinkel HE 178.

The movie Gone with the Wind premieres in Atlanta, GA.

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# **Chesterton Through the Years: 1950 – 1966**

1950 offered by Chesterton.

1950

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Start of the Korean War.

Chesterton launches two new innovative packings, 322 White-Lon™ Multi-Service Packing and 324/1724 Super-Lon™ Packing.

Chesterton 738 Belt-Flo™ Belt Dressing First industrial maintenance chemical product



1952 Dick McDermott develops the concept of the Specialist, a salesperson whose expertise is specifying, selling, and applying Chesterton products.

Chesterton releases two new specialty maintenance products, 706 Rustsolvo™ Penetrating Oil and 730 Spragrip® Belt Dressing.



Sales and manufacturing are started in Mexico. Dev Chesterton starts up distribution in Japan.



The company focuses heavily on developing the expertise of its sales force and distributors, differentiating from its competitors with an emphasis on service.

> 1955 Sales reach one million dollars.

1955

The Dow Jones Industrial Average

1952 becomes Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom, Canada,

# 1956

Chesterton introduces its 601 Chain Drive Pin and Bushing **Lubricant**, a premium-quality oil formulated to penetrate between the close clearance of chain drive bushings and pins, wire ropes, and cables to provide effective lubrication.



The first hard disk drive

(5 MB) is born at IBM.

James D. Chesterton, Tom Chesterton's son, joins Chesterton, focusing on sales and distribution.

Richard F. Hoyle joins Chesterton as the first engineer. He launches the development of the Mechanical Seal business.

Chesterton Monoseal™ | NEVER LEAKS! Hydraulic Ram Packing First single-ring, fully automatic, endless, molded hydraulic sealing ring.

**MONOSEAL** 

HYDRAULIC PACKING

1959

Jack Kilby of Texas Instruments

circuit on a piece of silicon.

develops an idea for an integrated

Alaska becomes a state.

Hawaii becomes a state.

Pan American Airways begins offering regular

jet-powered commercial flights around the world.

# CHESTERTON

### 1960

1960

President Eisenhower sends

3500 U.S. soldiers to Vietnam

to support the Diem regime.

Sales reach two million dollars.

Jim Chesterton expands the idea of the Specialist into the growing European sales force.

Arthur W. Chesterton, Dev's son, joins the firm, focusing on production and operations.



Construction of the Berlin Wall begins.

NASA undertakes the Apollo program

to land man on the moon.

Chesterton outgrows the Melrose facility and builds a new, modern plant n Woburn, MA.

hesterton introduces the 500 Stationary Mechanical Seal.

### Chesterton 326 Ches-Lon™ Packing

First braided packing to replace cotton with a PTFE fiber carrier, resulting in a stable, low friction, high-grade packing for caustic applications.



Chesterton 329 Stern-Lon™ Packing First formable, large cross-section, square braided packing with PTFE lubricant.

Sales reach four million dollars.



President Lyndon B. Johnson awards Dev Chesterton the 500th "E" award for Chesterton's contribution to industrial export growth, highlighting the company's achievements.

The Woburn facility is expanded, making it one of the most modern and complete **Packing Seal plants** in America.

Cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov, leaving his spacecraft Voskhod 2 for 12 minutes, becomes the first person to walk in space.

### 1964

President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law. Racial segregation is now abolished in the United States.

The Beatles hold the top 5 positions in the Billboard Top 40 singles in America, an unprecedented achievement. The top songs in America as listed on April 4, in order, are: Can't Buy Me Love, Twist and Shout, She Loves You, I Want to Hold Your Hand, and Please Please Me.

President Kennedy is assassinated.

The touch-tone phone is introduced

significantly, this is the first time the Dow has surpassed its 1929 peak level reached just before

Princess Elizabeth of York Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, and Ceylon.

at an all-time high of 382.74. More that year's crash.

1953

rises 3.27 points, or 0.86%, closing

End of the Korean War.

# **Chesterton Through the Years: 1967 – 1983**



Dick McDermott appointed presidency.

Chesterton designs two CounterPoise Mechanical Seals for an Apollo spacecraft.

Chesterton's worldwide, in-plant maintenance training program established. The Technical Products Division releases 45 products between 1969 and 1979.



1968

Chesterton wins Chemical Processing magazine's Vaaler Award with its Vanway O-Ring.



1970

Sales exceed \$10 million.

Chesterton Style ONE Super-Graphite Packing First 100% pure graphite braided packing

with entrapped graphite particles. A Vaaler Award winner.

Chesterton 770 Mechanical Seal First O-Ring balanced mechanical seal to fit a standard ANSI pump stuffing box without special machining. A Vaaler Award winner.



1972

1971

Chesterton launches its used seal

exchange

program.



Headquarters moves from Everett

Chesterton opens its first European manufacturing site in Bantry, Ireland.



1974

**Chesterton Style** 

7000 SuperCup™

First polymer cup

hydraulic seal with

brass disc inserts.

Hydraulic Seal

Chesterton 880 Mechanical Seal First O-Ring balanced mechanical seal with the rotary surface exposed to self-washing. A Vaaler Award winner. Chesterton patents its **Self-Aligning** Stationary Seal.

1976

Chesterton

becomes the first

seal manufacturer

to build a sealing

thoroughly equipped

for hands-on training

training center

and staffed with

experienced

instructors.



Tom Chesterton passes away.

241 Double Cartridge Seal.

Chesterton Technical Products Division

moves manufacturing to Groveland, MA.

Packing, 370 Multi-Service Packing, and

Chesterton introduces its 1725 Food Process

Chesterton releases 478 Universal Gland, its first universal gland for component seals.



**CHESTERTON** 

Chesterton revenues exceed \$75 million.

Chesterton 123 Cartridge Single Seal First off-the-shelf, cartridge-mounted, single seal requiring no special sleeve or pump modification.



**Chesterton GTP Packing Rings** First die-formed, two-piece

graphite tape packing rings.

Chesterton 222 Cartridge Motion Seal First cartridge mounted, double balanced, double mechanical seal with floating stationaries.



| 1981 Chesterton 8K Super Parachute™ Spiral Kit First precision-molded polymer material in spiral coils that can be cut to various sizes.

Chesterton 2500 ISO Wedge Packing First graphite packing set compressible in the stuffing box.

1983

Chesterton launches its 1800 Steam Valve Packing.

1969

Astronaut Neil Armstrong steps onto the moon. Woodstock is a free concert

in upstate New York.

Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee.

1967

The first human to human heart transplant was performed by cardiac surgeon Christiaan Barnard at Groote Schuur hospital in Cape Town, South Africa.

1972

The first hand held calculator (HP-35) goes on the market for \$395.

four billion.

Norway begins producing oil from wells in the North Sea. World population reaches

1975

1975

President Gerald Ford declares the end of the Vietnam War.

1974

President Nixon resigns and is pardoned by his former Vice President, now President, Gerald Ford.

The movie Star Wars opens. King Juan Carlos I succeeds Francisco Franco as ruler of Spain.

1979

Mother Theresa, an Albanian Roman Catholic nun, is awarded the Nobel Peace Price for her humanitarian efforts on behalf of the poor and helpless.

1983

In the U.S. inflation is down to annual rate of 3.22%.

1982

A deep recession causes high unemployment in the United States and Europe.

1981

IBM puts its first personal computer on the market, launching operating systems by Microsoft®.

# **Chesterton Through the Years: 1984 – 1999**

Sales rebound, reaching \$100 million

**Chesterton Industrial Process Pump** First industrial process pump to replace stuffing boxes with large capacity seal chambers or spiral-wrapped packing chambers.

Chesterton Metal Repair System (MRS) Coatings line launched, including 810 Steel Putty Plus, 812 Steel Liquid Plus, 818 Rapid Cure Steel Putty Plus, 835 **Underwater Repair Putty, and 858 Abrasion Control Putty.** 

1985

Chesterton releases its innovative 733 and 735 Composite Seals and 711, 712, and 713 Sealing Devices.

Chesterton 221 Split Seal First split mechanical seal for plant-wide use. A Vaaler Award winner is released.

Chesterton 5350 EPRI Wedge Packing Chesterton with Electric

Power Research Institutes (EPRI), designs the first die-formed graphite ring wedge mechanical packing with braided end rings.

Chesterton introduces its 855 Abrasion Control *Liquid*, an advanced ceramic composite offering protection against corrosive conditions, and 143/144 Stationary Bellows Seals, bellows seals with increased stability under elevated temperature and pressure.

1984 Nasa launches the space shuttle program.

Reactor Number Four at the Chernobyl plant in the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic explodes, resulting in the worst nuclear power plant accident in history.

1987

Chesterton Live Loading Program First valve live loading program with individual computerized designed packing set and gland

Chesterton Pump mprovement Program

torque specifications.

First pump improvement kits o upgrade existing pumps with larger seal chambers or spiral-wrapped packing chambers and more durable power ends.

Chesterton 890 Wear Resistant Compound is released.

Chesterton Split Labyrinth Seal First split labyrinth bearing seal. Chesterton 1727 Multi-Lon™ Packing First thermoset synthetic fiber packing with superior chemical and tensile strength properties.

Chesterton 798 Polymer **Quartz Compound** is launched.

> 1989 Dick McDermott retires and Jim Chesterton becomes the 5th President.

> > 1989

emperor.

The Berlin Wall

is dismantled.

Hirohito dies after

62 years as Japan's

1990

1990

from prison.

Nelson Mandela is released

1991

wiper and seal. Chesterton launches its ARC line of

ndustrial coatings.

1991

The Soviet Union recognizes the

independence of the Baltic States;

Leningrad reverts back to its old

name, Saint Petersburg.

Chesterton 15K Gland First one-piece polymer

**ARC Industrial Coatings** 

gland with an integrated

Chesterton becomes the first seal manufacturer in the United States to achieve ISO 9001 certification for quality systems.

Chesterton 155 Cartridge Single Seal and 255 Cartridge Double Seal are named

1992 Product of the Year winners by Plant

Engineering magazine.

Chesterton 1400 Pump and Valve Graphite Tape Packing First braided graphite tape packing.

1993

1993

spread.

Use of the Internet

becomes wide-

Chesterton 620 Multi-Lube Lubricant First Chesterton product to incorporate replenishable raw materials in formulation.

Chesterton Split InterLocking Turbine Blade Sealing System

sealing system for hydropower generation.

First split mechanical seal with resiliently mounted faces. A Plant Engineering magazine's Product of the Year finalist.

5800 WedgeSeal™ Packing, 153 Cartridge Single Seal, and 156 Heavy Duty Slurry Seal.

> 1995 Chesterton develops its CMS 2000 Injectable

Pump Sealant, a hightechnology composite outperforming traditional packings.

1994

Nelson Mandela is elected President of South Africa.

The Channel Tunnel opens, connecting England and France—it now takes only 2 hours and 15 minutes to travel from London to France.

First hydraulic split interlocking turbine blade

Chesterton 442 Split Seal

Chesterton introduces its

1996

Chesterton is the first

in the industry to be

registered to ISO 14001

Chesterton launches

ARC MX1 Coating.

environmental standard.

1997

Chesterton becomes

Association (ASMMA)

**Eagle Award Winner for** 

of Chesterton and Our

training program.

**Product Lines employee** 

its Basic Understanding

an American Society of

Machinery Manufactures

Chesterton Global Training receives the **Processing** Magazine Breakthrough Product of 1998 Award for online interactive courses.

Chesterton 4400 TwinHvbrid™ Gas Sea First gas seal with built-in regulation

in the gland. Chesterton releases ARC S4 Acid-Resistan Coating.

1999

Chesterton introduces its 610 HT Synthetic Lubricating Fluid, a premium quality, 100% synthetic fluid that cleans as it lubricates.

1999

The Euro is the new European currency.

The U.S. returns the to Panama.

Britain's 99-year lease It turns the region

on Hong Kong ends. over to the People's Republic of China.

1997

1998

Two Stanford University

Ph.D. candidates, Larry

Page and Sergey Brin,

establish a company

called Google.

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# **Chesterton Through the Years: 2000 – 2016**

2000 Chesterton ARC FR1 and ARC FR2 Marine **Foul Release Coatings** are introduced for marine applications. 2001

Chesterton launches the **Global** SpeedSeal™ Program for machining made-to-order, high-quality polymer seals with turnaround times as ow as 24 hours.



Chesterton expands its chemical maintenance offerings with its 292 Precision Degreaser aerosol. Chesterton ARC 855 HT Coating is introduced.

Chesterton releases ARC SD4i Coating, its highest

ceramic-reinforced, sprayable coating.



Chesterton releases **KPC 820N Water-Based** 

im Chesterton passes away. Chesterton acquires Protective Floorings and Linings, Inc.

2005 Chesterton ARC S7 and ARC NVE Coatings

First novolac vinyl ester-based coatings for high temperature, highly oxidizing exposures on concrete and steel surfaces. Chesterton releases 783 ACR Corrosion-Resistant

Anti-Seize, a metal-free, high-performance

washout resistance. Chesterton sells the Stoneham complex and relocates headquarters to 500 Unicorn Park



Andrew Chesterton, the great grandson of A.W. Chesterton, becomes Chairman of the Board. Dick Hoyle becomes Chesterton's 6th President.







Chesterton introduces 2:1 and 4:1 cartridge packaging for its ARC S1, ARC S2, ARC SD4i, ARC \$4+, ARC 10, and ARC 858 industrial coatings.





| 2010

Chesterton wins the

Global Trade Award

from the Massachusetts

International Business

Chesterton launches ARC I BX1 High Impact **Protective Coating.** Chesterton 1622 Low E Valve Packing wins

a Vaaler Award for new products reducing pollutants in the chemical and petrochemical



its 615 HTG #2-460 Grease, a QBT™ Quiet Bearing Technology lubricant for large,

Chesterton launches

2013

Chesterton receives the President's "E Star" Exports Award—the highest recognition any U.S. entity may receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports

Chesterton undertakes its first, extensive abrasion benchmarking study.

Chesterton 442 Split Seal | 2014 qualifies for NSF61 Drinking Water System Components Certification

Chesterton 442C Cartridge Split

Mechanical Seal offers superior

seal performance with the ease-

of-installation of a cartridge seal.

2015



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**Andrew Chesterton** becomes Chesterton's new President and CEO

Grand opening of Chesterton's new headquarters and Global Training Center in Groveland, MA.

Shreveport, LA Service Center for pump repair is opened.

Chesterton's patented DualPac® Technology combines two distinct materials in braided pump packing to maximize performance.



2000

World population is roughly six billion.

Council for demonstrated 2008 Certified to NSF/ANSI/CAN 61 Chesterton introduces creativity and leadership low-speed bearings. Dick Hoyle retires. its Content Management in international trade-System (CMS) with an app Brian O'Donnell related activities. Chesterton introduces that works with tablets becomes the 7th Chesterton is recognized its Sales Toolkit. and smartphones. President of Chestertor as a leader in toxic use and is elected to the Chesterton acquires *reduction*—one of 12 Board of Directors. Ceramic Polymers facilities featured GmbH to establish on the TURA Program's manufacturing and 20th Anniversary stocking position Leadership Tour. in the EU region. 2005 2011 2003 Fukushima nuclear U.S. British, Australian, accident occurs and Polish troops in Japan following 2006 invade Iraq. a 9.0 magnitude The population of the United 2014 earthquake and Interstate 93 is torn States reaches 300 million. a tsunami. Regarded 2013 More than \$220 million 2005 down and replaced with as the largest nuclear was raised in the ALS Ice tunnels to divert through Using a 3-D printer American Cyclist Lance Bucket Challenge as it 2016 disaster since the traffic underground. Armstrong wins a record and cell cultures, Chernobyl disaster. caught on across the US. The area where 64 India The United Kingdom physicians and 7th straight Tour de France. Islamic terrorists hijack Street once stood is now biomedical engineers votes to leave the planes which strike the part of the Rose Kennedy at Cornell University European Union, 2008 Twin Towers in New York Greenway, an open known as "Brexit". build a facsimile Barack Obama is elected 2010 and The Pentagon. green space. of a human living ear. the first African-American The Chicago Cubs Deepwater Horizon oil spill in president of the United Sates. broke a 108-year curse the Gulf of Mexico, considered by winning the World the largest offshore spill Series against the 2015 2012 An exploration rover from the United States in US history. Cleveland Indians. US restores diplomatic successfully lands on the planet Mars. Hurricane Irene relations with Cuba Apple releases the iPad. Category One storm after 5 decades. Ten states become members of the European causes significant Union: Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, flooding and destruction Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, along the East Coast Slovakia, and Slovenia. of the US.

# **Chesterton Through the Years: 2017 – 2024**



Chesterton introduces the 170L Slurry Cartridge Single Seal.

## 2018 Chesterton ViewIn™ Technology

Chesterton is the first in its industry to provide wireless seal identification and record keeping via a mobile app.



Chesterton introduces ARC S5 Coating its highest temperature epoxy-based coating for aqueous

### Chesterton ARC S1 HB Coating

pigments incorporated for aid in inspection.





# corrosive exposure.

First edge-retentive coating with fluorescent

Built on the AXIUS™ Modular Platform, Chesterton's 1810 Heavy Duty Modular Single Cartridge Seal and 2810 Heavy Duty Modular Double Cartridge *Sea*l allow for common selection, installation, and operating procedure plantwide.



Chesterton releases 650 AML Lubricant, its most biodegradable lubricant designed to creep into internal workings of chains, cables, pneumatics, needle bearings, and sliding mechanisms.

Chesterton global workforce finds success working remotely.

Chesterton Matrix Rotary Seal, a patented split rotary seal, eliminates equipment teardown in various applications and minimizes downtime.

Chesterton ARC MX FG Coating is launched as the first food-grade, FDA compliant, wear-resistant coating.

Chesterton launches the *Chesterton Connect™ System*, a simple-to-use, cloud-based, monitor solution with real-time 24/7 remote monitoring and notifications to improve seal health and pump efficiency.



### 2022

Chesterton releases the non-contact Split Polymer Labyrinth Seal, offering splash lubricated bearing protection in large pumps, gearboxes, and rotating equipment, and the 1510 Single Cartridge Seal, designed with with a compact cartridge profile to install easily on process equipment.



# 2024

Chesterton celebrates 140 years of excellence.





**Honoring Our Past, Shaping Our Future** 

### 2019

China is the first country to land a spacecraft on the dark side of the moon.

## 2018

2017 For the first time in 99 years on August 21, a solar eclipse crosses the US from coast to coast, making for spectacular views of the celestial event of the century.

The wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

## 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak becomes a world health crisis.

### 2021

2021

Chesterton develops

and Gear) Lubricant

720 CCG (Chain, Cable,

to help protect chains,

wire ropes, and gears

exposed to moisture

and corrosive liquids

and vapors.

Supply chain issues arise due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Factory closings lead to inventory reduction. Supply chain challenges, due to an increase in consumer demands, a raw material shortages, shipping container shortages, and backups on ports

COVID-19 Vaccine become available.

2022

Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom passes away.

### 2023

The World Health Organization ended the global emergency status for COVID-19 on May 5th, more than three years after its original declaration.

Chesterton AMPS™ Technology offers a unique

Chesterton releases ARC S3 Coating, its second

food-grade, FDA compliant, thin film, sprayable

coating for corrosive and erosive applications.

floor coating, added to the ARC product line.

Chesterton hosts regional sales meetings

throughout 2023 after a three-years hiatus.

Chesterton ARC SL-E Coating, a self-leveling epoxy

in rotary equipment.

approach to automatic loading of braided packing