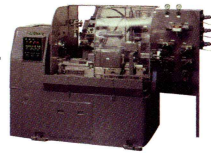
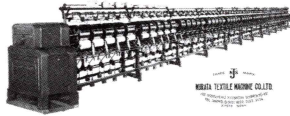
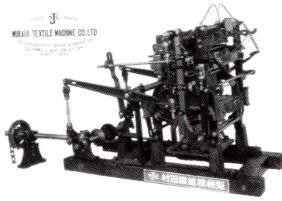
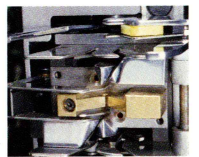


History

- Jul. 1935** Established Nishijin Jacquard Mfg., partnership in Kyoto.
- Sep. 1945** Company was renamed the Murata Textile Machine Co., Ltd. and initiated enterprise activities.
- Jun. 1946** Began production of winders.
- Oct. 1955** Began production of automatic winders.
- Jun. 1961** Developed and began production of R-40 turret lathes. Established Machine Tools Division.
- Apr. 1962** Inuyama Factory began operations.
- Jun. 1962** The company adopted its present name, Murata Machinery, Ltd.
- Sep. 1962** Began production of tool cabinets and established Physical Distribution Control Systems Division (following Automated Systems Division).
- Feb. 1964** Developed and began of production of two-for-one twisters.
- Jun. 1965** Began production of No.11 CONEMATIC automatic winder.
- Jun. 1967** Began production of take-up winder for synthetic fibers.
- Jun. 1967** Launched multilayer rack with stacker crane.
- Jul. 1969** Launched automated storage/retrieval systems.
- Feb. 1970** Murata Warner & Swasey Co., Ltd., a joint venture with The Warner & Swasey Company (U.S.A.) was established and began production of automatic lathes and NC turret punch press.
- Jan. 1972** Established Murata Machinery (H.K.), Ltd. in Hong Kong, China.
- Nov. 1972** Entered into technical and sales agreement with Graphic Sciences, Inc. (U.S.A.) and established Nippon Dex, Corp., in Japan for the production and sales of facsimile transceivers.
- Mar. 1973** Launched Japan's first multi-storey automated storage/retrieval systems for frozen food.
- Jun. 1973** Kaga Factory began operations.
- Jul. 1973** Facsimile Machine "dex 180" obtained Japan's first type-approval by Nippon Telegraph and public Corp. (Presently, NTT).



- Dec. 1973** Established Murata Do Brasil in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- May 1974** Established Murata of America, Inc.(presently Murata Machinery USA, Ltd.) in Charlotte, North Carolina, U.S.A.
- Jun. 1978** Developed the rail guided vehicle, ROBO-TRAIN (RGV).
- Nov. 1978** Developed the air-jet spinning frame, MURATA JET SPINNER (MJS).
- May 1979** Developed the automated guided vehicle, ROBO-FAMILY (AGV).
- Oct. 1979** Developed the plasma arc attachment & punching combination machine for sheet metal.
- Oct. 1979** Introduced the automatic winder, No.7 MACH CONER (with Mach Splicer).
- Oct. 1979** Introduced the draw texturing machine, No.333-II MACH CRIMPER.
- Oct. 1980** Introduced first CNC twin spindle chucker in Japan.
- Nov. 1982** Murata Business Systems, Inc. (presently Muratec America, Inc.) was established in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.
- Sep. 1983** Developed the laser cutting machine for sheet metal, μ -Laser.
- Oct. 1984** Developed the laser & punching combination machine for sheet metal, W4560-HYBIRD.
- Nov. 1984** Established Murata Machinery Europe GmbH in Dusseldorf, Germany.
- Oct. 1986** Introduced the automated overhead hoist transport system, SKY-RAV (OHT).
- Oct. 1986** Introduced automated overhead hoist transport system for cleanroom SKY-RAV Clean (OHT).
- Jul. 1987** Established Murata Machinery Taiwan Co., Ltd. in Taipei, Taiwan.
- Jul. 1988** Opened a service center in Beijing, China.
- Jan. 1989** Began to sponsor the Inter-Prefectural Womens Ekiden (relay road race), annually held in Kyoto, JAPAN.
- Mar. 1989** Oita Factory began operations.
- Jun. 1989** Developed the AGV with robot arm for clean room, Mobile Robot.
- Jun. 1989** Established Murata (Thailand) Co., Ltd. in Bangkok, Thailand.



Oct. 1989 Acquired the Wiedemann Division from The Warner & Swasey Company and established Murata Wiedemann, Inc. in U.S.A.

Mar. 1990 Murata Warner Swasey Co., Ltd. was merged into the Machine Tools Division of Murata Machinery, Ltd.

Jun. 1990 Established Murata Automated Systems, Inc. in U.S.A.

Aug. 1990 Established Murata Automated Systems Taiwan Co., Ltd. in Taipei, Taiwan.


Jan. 1991 Developed the first model in the plain paper facsimile (PPF) V-series, V-60.

Sep. 1991 Launched Press Brake machine.

Oct. 1991 Introduced the new unified brand name, "MURATEC".

Apr. 1992 Established R&D Center in the Kyoto head office.

Apr. 1993 Established Murata Machinery Singapore Pte. Ltd. in Singapore.


Sep. 1993 Developed the CNC twin spindle chucker, MW12G. 

Mar. 1994 Launched the automated transportation system for LCD manufacturing.

May 1994 Began contract manufacturing of facsimile in Shenzhen, China.

Sep. 1994 Opened an office in Dubai, U.A.E.

Oct. 1994 Developed the laser-guided automated transportation vehicles (LGV).

Oct. 1994 Developed the world's first servo driven CNC turret punch press MOTORUM-2000. 

Dec. 1995 Received the order of bulk cargo handing system for HongKong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl).

Oct. 1996 Developed the in-line opposed twin spindle CNC turning machine, MT-12.

Oct. 1996 Developed the first model of Super G3 facsimile, V-848.

May. 1997 Developed the first model of Multi-functional Peripheral, V-950.


Jun. 1997 Clean Systems Division was established, specializing in Automated Material Handling Systems for Semiconductor and Flat Panel Display.

Oct. 1997 Introduced the air-vortex spinning frame, Murata Vortex Spinner (MVS).

Mar. 1998 Established Murata Machinery (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. in Shanghai, China.

Dec. 1998 Received an order from a German semiconductor manufacturer for a transportation system for the production line of the world's first 300 mm wafers.

Jul. 2000 Developed the document management solution, "Information server/Office Bridge"


Sep. 2000 Developed the super-high-rise AS/RS (50 meters in height). 

Apr. 2002 Merged synthetic fiber machinery business unit with Toray Engineering Co., Ltd., and Teijin Seiki Co., Ltd., and established a joint venture, TMT Machinery, Inc.

Jul. 2002 Integrated the subsidiaries, Murata of America, Inc., Murata Wiedemann, Inc., and Murata Automated Systems, Inc., into Murata Machinery USA, Inc.

Jun. 2002 Integrated Automated Systems Division and Clean Systems Division into Logistics & Automation Division.

Jul. 2002 Shanghai Factory (Murata Machinery Mfg. (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.) began operations.

Aug. 2005 Developed the new concept MFP/PPF series, Network Gateway Platform (NGP) in North America, which drastically enhanced the network connectivity. 

Jul. 2007 Integrated subsidiaries Murata Machinery Taiwan Co, Ltd. and Murata Automated Systems Taiwan Co, Ltd. into Murata Machinery Taiwan, Ltd.

Oct. 2007 Established Murata Machinery India Private Ltd. in Delhi, India.


Mar. 2009 Developed the new communication gateway tool GriDRIVE, which realizes the secure information sharing among multiple remote locations.

Jun. 2009 Acquired Asyst Technology Japan and established Muratec Automation Co. Ltd., specializing in Automated Material Handling Systems for Semiconductor and Flat Panel Display.

Sep. 2010 Developed the high performance AS/RS with sorting system, Uni-SHUTTLE HP.

Dec. 2011 Acquired Silex Technology Inc.

Apr. 2012 Merged Muratec Automation Co., Ltd. and established Clean FA Division.

Oct. 2012 Developed the Fiber Laser Cutting System, LS3015FC. 

Apr. 2013 Control & Sensing Division was established.

Jul. 2013 Established Murata Machinery Mexico S.de R.L.de C.V. in Mexico City, Mexico.

Oct. 2014 Acquired Cimcorp Oy in Ulvila, Finland.