



**Founder**  
**Sakichi Toyoda**

Sakichi Toyoda was born in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, in 1867. He became an inventor while still in his teens and devoted his life to the study and development of textile machinery. Starting with a wooden handloom, he subsequently pioneered a new era in textile machinery with inventions that included Japan's first power loom, the circular loom and the Toyoda Automatic Loom Type G. Sakichi was awarded 84 patents and 35 utility models in his lifetime and is remembered with pride in Japan as one of the world's greatest inventors. We have inherited the engineering spirit of our illustrious founder.



**1924**  
Toyoda Automatic Loom Type G invented by Sakichi Toyoda.

## 1920s

**1926**  
Toyoda Automatic Loom Works, Ltd. (now Toyota Industries Corporation) established to manufacture and market automatic looms invented by Sakichi Toyoda.



**1929**  
**Spinning frame production starts.**  
Automatic loom patent sold to Platt Brothers & Co., Ltd. of the U.K.

## 1930s

**1933**  
Automobile Division set up.

**1934**  
**A-type automobile engine completed.**

**1935**  
**Prototype of Model A1 passenger car completed.**



Company unveils Model G1 truck at a new-car-release exhibition in Shibaura, Tokyo.



**1937**  
Automobile Division separates and becomes Toyota Motor Co., Ltd. (now Toyota Motor Corporation).

## 1940s

**1940**  
Steel Production Division separates and becomes Toyoda Steel Works, Ltd. (now Aichi Steel Corporation).



**1944**  
Obu Plant starts operations, manufacturing castings.

**1949**  
Company stock listed on Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya Stock Exchanges

## 1950s

**1952**  
**Automobile engine (S-type gasoline engine) production starts.**



**1953**  
Kyowa Plant starts operations, manufacturing engines and assembling automobiles.

**1955**  
Vehicle Division set up.

**1956**  
**Forklift truck production starts.**



**1959**  
**P-type gasoline engine production starts.**

## 1960s

**1960**  
**Shovel loader production starts.**  
**Car air-conditioning compressor (CC3A-type, CC3B-type) production starts.**



**1963**  
**Dump truck production starts.**  
**Friction welder production starts.**

**1964**  
**J-type diesel engine production starts.**



**1967**  
Nagakusa Plant starts operations, producing small commercial vehicles.  
**Publica (van) and Mini Ace (automobile) production starts.**



Publica (van)

**Electric counterbalanced forklift truck production starts.**

**1968**  
**Open-end spinning machine production starts.**



## 1970s

**1970**

Takahama Plant starts operations, producing industrial vehicles.



**1971**

**Corolla (van) production starts.**

Divisional organization system introduced (3 divisions: Textile Machinery, Industrial Vehicle, and Vehicle).

Toyota-Sulzer Manufacturing Ltd. established as a joint venture with Sulzer Brothers, Ltd. of Switzerland to manufacture projectile looms.



**1974**

**6P-type compressor production starts.**

**1977**

Swash plate compressor technology licensed to Chrysler and Ford.

Compressor Division separates from Textile Machinery Division.

**1978**

**Starlet (automobile) production starts.**



**Aerial work platform production starts.**

## 1980s

**1980**

**JA-type air-jet loom production starts.**



**1981**

**10P-type compressor production starts.**



**1982**

**Production starts on C-type diesel engines for small passenger cars.**

Hekinan Plant starts operations, producing automobile diesel engines.



TQC (total quality control) system introduced.

**1985**

Engine Division separates from Vehicle Division.

**10PA-type compressor production starts.**

**1986**

Company awarded the Deming Prize for quality control implementation.



**X300 series forklift production starts.**

**1987**

**Sprinter Cielo (exported as the Collora Lift Back) production starts.**

Electronics Sub-Division set up.

**1988**

Toyota Industrial Equipment Mfg., Inc. (TIEM) established in Columbus, Indiana, USA, as a joint venture with Toyota Motor Corporation.

**RX100 ring spinning frame production starts.**

**1989**

Michigan Automotive Compressor, Inc. (MACI) established in Jackson, Michigan, USA, as a joint venture with DENSO Corporation.



## 1990s

**1990**

**Sprinter Carib (automobile; exported as the Corolla Wagon) production starts.**

Company receives 1990 PM Excellent Plant Award.



**1992**

Materials Handling System Division set up.

**Production starts on automated storage and retrieval systems.**

**JAT600 air-jet loom production starts.**

**1993**

**RX200 ring spinning frame production starts.**

**1994**

**X500 series internal combustion counterbalanced forklift truck production starts.**

Toyota Industry Kunshan Co., Ltd. (TIK) established in China as a joint venture with Toyota Tsusho Corporation and Lioho Machine Works, Ltd.

**R500 electric reach truck production starts.**

**1995**

Toyota Industrial Equipment, S.A. (TIESA) established in France as a joint venture with Toyota Motor Corporation and Manitou B.F.

**7SB-type compressor production starts.**

**B500 electric counterbalanced forklift truck production starts.**

Kirloskar Toyoda Textile Machinery Ltd. (KTTM) established in India as a joint venture with the Kirloskar Group.

**1996**

**JAT610 air-jet loom production starts.**

**RX240 ring spinning frame production starts.**

**1997**

Compressor production at Kariya Plant reaches 100 million units.

**6SE-type compressor production starts.**

ST Liquid Crystal Display Corp. ("ST-LCD") established as a joint venture with Sony Corporation.

**1998**

TD Deutsche Klimakompressor GmbH (TDDK) established as a joint venture with DENSO Corporation to produce car air-conditioning compressors in Germany.

**GENEO (called the 7-Series outside Japan) internal combustion counterbalanced forklift trucks introduced.**



TIBC Corporation (TIBC) established as a joint venture with Ibiden Co., Ltd. ("Ibiden") to manufacture plastic package substrates for IC chipsets.

**10S-type compressor production starts.**

**1999**

**Vitz (Yaris in Europe) production starts.**



Company takes over water-jet loom business from Nissan Texsys Co., Ltd.

**1CD-type diesel engine production starts.**

**GENEO-B (called the 7FB outside Japan) electric counterbalanced forklift trucks introduced.**

## 2000s

**2000**

**LW600 series water-jet loom production starts.**

Company acquires BT Industries AB of Sweden, a world-leading manufacturer of warehouse trucks.

**2UZ-type gasoline engine production starts.**

**2001**

**GENEO-R electric reach truck production starts.**

Company takes over the industrial equipment sales division of Toyota Motor Corporation.

TOYOTA Material Handling Company established as an in-house company.

**RAV4 (SUV) production starts.**

**bB Open Deck (automobile) production starts.**

Name changed to Toyota Industries Corporation.