The history of Gustav Wagner (1861 - 1919)

WAGNER® can look back on a long tradition, right back to the originator of the company’s name: Gustav Wagner.

The pioneer
1861  Gustav Wagner was born in Kirchheim/Teck, Germany
1877  Mechanics apprenticeship in Reutlingen, Germany
1880  Travelled to Vienna, Austria, and New York, USA. These trips deeply influenced his ideas and actions

Founding years
1888  Started production using machines that he had designed himself in an outhouse in Metzingen, Germany
1889  1st patent granted for a “centering and milling machine”
1890  Registered in the commercial register and moved to Reutlingen, Germany
1902  Successful breakthrough thanks to the cold saws being faster than the competitors’;
      A thread cutting head was introduced as an advanced development of the centering head.

His life’s work
At the time of his death in Reutlingen in 1919, Gustav Wagner held a total of 66 patents as well as 45 utility models. Gustav Wagner was always one step ahead. Whether it was in the development of his machines or choosing the materials to use for his toolpieces, optimising the working and living conditions for his employees or planning the company’s future development: the best and the most up-to-date was just good enough. His employees greatly admired his social commitment.

The first workshop proved to be small. A small adjoining room had to be used as the office, materials and tool store and rest room.

The successors
New toolpieces and machines were developed under the management of his sons, grandsons and great-grandsons. Since 1996, WAGNER® thread cutting heads, thread rolling heads and thread rolling attachments have been produced in Pliezhausen/Germany in Gustav Wagner’s same well-proven, sturdy and robust premium quality since then.