

BW Papersystems Hamburg GmbH (former WillPemcoBielomatik GmbH & former E.C.H. Will GmbH) - Company History

1844	Eduard Christian Heinrich Will born in Neustrelitz, Mecklenburg-Western, Pomerania.
1866	Company E.C.H. Will founded by Eduard Christian Heinrich Will. First pen ruling machine with manual infeed of single sheets and inking unit.
1917	Eduard Christian Heinrich Will dies. His son, Adolph Albert Emil Will, takes over the company.
1920-1939	Growth of E.C.H. Will GmbH.
1932	First rotary machine for the production of exercise books.
1939-1945	Second World War – no production.
1946	Annelise Will, granddaughter of Eduard Christian Heinrich Will, takes over the company.
1965	First cut-size sheeter for the production of communication paper.
1966	100th anniversary of E.C.H. Will GmbH. Foundation stone laid for new building at Nedderfeld 100.
1970	E.C.H. Will GmbH joins the Körber Group .
1976	E.C.H. Will GmbH acquires Womako Maschinenkonstruktionen GmbH , Nürtingen (Germany), developer and manufacturer of machinery for the stationery industry and bookbinderies.
1981	E.C.H. Will GmbH acquires Pemco Inc. , Sheboygan (USA), manufacturer of complete lines for wrapping small paper formats, folio-size cutters and fully automatic cartoning machines.
1985	E.C.H. Will GmbH acquires Kugler Automation GmbH in Riederich (Germany), builder of machinery and production lines for manufacturing personal documents.
1990	E.C.H. Will GmbH acquires Wrapmatic S.p.A. of Bologna (Italy), manufacturer of large format, folio-size ream wrapping machines and complete lines for pallet handling.
1992	Death of Dr. Kurt A. Körber . From this point onwards, the Körber Foundation owns the entire share capital of all Companies in the Group.
1998	New generation of size-flexible cut-size sheeters for production in up to 20 different formats on one machine. First 15-pocket cut-size line.
2000	Körber acquires the entry-level folio-size sheeter division of Strachan Henshaw Machinery (SHM) .
2004	First folio-size sheeter for mark-free sheeting of sensitive paper and board grades. First cut-size sheeter for entry-level production areas . Turn-key supply of two cut-size lines and one folio-size sheeter to China. Delivery of the new Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES) to Austria and South Africa.
2006	First high performance folio-size sheeter for mark-free sheeting of delicate large-format paper and board grades. A new generation of high-performance cut-size sheeters for mass production. Manufacturing Execution System passes market test under production conditions. Installation of prototype system for a revolutionary method of producing monochrome books industrially.
2007	New world record for 10-pocket cut-size machine : 570 metric tons in 24 hours.
2008	First 16-pocket cut-size line .
2010	New type of folio sheeter FS : result of a successful joint development of the sister companies E.C.H. Will and Pemco.
2011	E.C.H. Will GmbH moves to its new facility in Wedel, Germany.
2012	Körber AG divests E.C.H. Will and its sister companies Pemco Inc. and Kugler-Womako GmbH to an investment group advised by Orlando Management AG (Munich, Germany). A new holding company for the three companies is set up: Papersystems Holding GmbH. DCbook , the new innovative converting solution for digitally printed books , is successfully exhibited at drupa 2012.
2014	MarquipWardUnited , a Barry-Wehmiller company, acquires E.C.H. Will and its sister companies Pemco and Kugler-Womako. The new holding BW Papersystems is set up to combine all these strong brands. E.C.H. Will GmbH changes its name to Will-Pemco GmbH , together with its sister company Will-Pemco, Inc., Sheboygan, WI, USA, representing the brand Will-Pemco.
2015	Barry-Wehmiller acquires Bielomatik paper processing group . It is merged with Will-Pemco, to form the new brand WillPemcoBielomatik . The large product portfolio now includes cut-size sheeting and packaging lines, folio sheeters, folio ream wrappers, stationery production equipment, converting solutions for digitally printed books, Book-on-Demand binding lines, as well as digital print finishing and RFID processing solutions.
2016	The manufacturing location WillPemcoBielomatik GmbH renames itself to BW Papersystems Hamburg GmbH to improve communication with customers. BW Papersystems Hamburg remains the homebase for the brand WillPemcoBielomatik but also represents the new brand JAG SYNCHRO .