



## History

Arntz Optibelt Group, Höxter

### Tradition since 1872

The Arntz Optibelt Group is one of the leading global producers of high-performance drive belts and develops sophisticated drive solutions for customers all over the world. The Optibelt company manufactures a wide variety of drive belts, drawing on more than 145 years' experience of rubber processing.

- 1872:** Emil Arntz founded the "Höxtersche Gummifädenfabrik"
- 1948:** Start of V-belt production - Optibelt became a trademark.
- 1968:** The Arntz Belting Company Ltd. in Northern Ireland begins operations as the first international production facility.
- 1975:** Change of name to "Arntz Optibelt KG"
- 1990:** International orientation of the company group
- 2007:** Optibelt opens its production facility in China.
- 2008:** The Arntz Optibelt Group expands to Romania.
- 2011:** Further sales offices are established in Mexico, the Philippines and Indonesia.
- 2017:** Optibelt inaugurates new warehouse in Colombia;  
Inauguration of central test facility at headquarters in Höxter.
- 2019:** Establishment of a company in Morocco