

THEN TILL NOW

This timeline presents a look back through the history of Wacom from the company's founding in 1983 to the present day, alongside major trends in the IT industry.

WACOM HISTORY

1980s

July 1983

Established Wacom Co.Ltd. in Ageo City, Japan (capital stock: 48 million JPY)
Began business for pen tablets and CAD software for electrical design

April 1984

Released WT series, world's first pen tablet with cordless cursors

September 1987

Released SD series, world's first cordless pen tablet

April 1988

Established Wacom Computer Systems (currently Wacom Europe GmbH) in Germany



1987



1989



1984



1994

1990s

May 1990

Released Wacom's first LCD pen tablet (with 10.7-inch 2 gradation LCD screen)

July 1991

Established Wacom Technology Corp. in USA

April 1992

Released Wacom's first pen-abled computer following Microsoft's release of Windows for Pen Computing

October 1994

Released ArtPad, a compact pen tablet for graphic applications

September 1998

Released Intuos®, a pen tablet for professional users

November 1999

Released FAVO/Graphire, a pen tablet for entry users

2000s

March 2000

Established Wacom China Corporation

September 2001

Released Cintiq®, an interactive LCD pen display

April 2003

Listed on JASDAQ Securities Exchange

April 2004

Established Wacom Digital Solutions (currently Wacom Korea Co.) in South Korea

April 2005

Established Wacom Australia

December 2005

Listed in First Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange

April 2006

Established Wacom Hong Kong

May 2006

Established Wacom Singapore

May 2007

Released Bamboo™, a new pen tablet series for general consumers

September 2008

Established Wacom Taiwan Information Co.

2010s

October 2010

Established Wacom India Pvt.

October 2011

Wacom's digital pen technology adopted in Samsung's Galaxy Note smartphone series

August 2013

Introduced Cintiq® Companion (currently Wacom® MobileStudio Pro), Wacom's first mobile product with an operating system

February 2014

Introduced WILL™ digital ink technology

March 2014

Introduced Active ES system for digital pens

January 2016

First Connected Ink event

June 2017

Released Bamboo Ink, a smart stylus pen compatible with Microsoft Pen Protocol

December 2017

Transferred engineering solution (ECAD) business to Nitto Kogyo Corp.

April 2018

Wacom Chapter 2 medium-term business plan (April 2018–March 2022)

October 2018

Released Wacom® Cintiq® Pro 32, Wacom's first 31.5-inch LCD pen tablet

January 2019

Released Wacom® Cintiq® 16, an entry-level LCD pen tablet

November 2019

Opened Wacom Brand Store as permanent experience store in Shinjuku Marui Annex

2020s

January 2020

Released Wacom® One, an LCD pen tablet for digital beginners

August 2020

Digital drawing with Hi-uni Digital in collaboration with Mitsubishi Pencil Co. and Celsys, Inc.

November 2020

Partnership agreement with Oiso Town in Japan, Celsys, Inc., and I-NET Corp. to promote digital creative education

January 2021

Wacom's digital pen technology adopted in Samsung's S series smartphones for first time, incorporated into Galaxy S21 Ultra 5G

February 2021

Established Connected Ink Village

May 2021

Wacom Chapter 3 medium-term business plan (April 2021–March 2025)

August 2021

Wacom's digital pen technology incorporated into Samsung's Galaxy Z Fold3 5G

November 2021

Call & Response, artists' collaboration to create works inspired by each other

January 2022

Experimental demonstration using 5G mobile communications to remotely produce animation and CG

February 2022

Wacom's digital pen technology incorporated into Samsung's Galaxy S22 Ultra and Galaxy Tab S8 series

March 2022

Second generation of Active ES® pen technology first adopted in Fujitsu Client Computing's FMV LOOX

April 2022

Launched capital and business alliance with Celsys, Inc. (formerly ArtSpark Holdings Inc.)
Transitioned to Prime Market of Tokyo Stock Exchange

October 2022

Released Wacom® Cintiq® Pro 27

February 2023

Wacom's digital pen technology incorporated into Samsung's Galaxy S23 Ultra and Galaxy Book3 Pro 360

May 2023

Published first issue of *The Wacom Story Book*

Illustration of Wacom Consolidated Net Sales Trend (Till 108.8 billion yen for FY ended March 31, 2022)

1980 - 1989

1990 - 1999

2000 - 2009

2010 - 2019

2020 - 2023

1990

CAD
Electronic publishing

1990s

Internet
CG filmmaking
Broadband
Digital cameras
Mobile phones
Portable game consoles

2000s

Personal computers
Home printers
Digital cameras
Mobile communications
Smartphones
E-books

Tablets
3D movies
E-signatures
3D printers
4K TVs

2010s

Internet of Things
Virtual reality
Augmented reality

2020s

Metaverse
Web3

IT HISTORY



1992



1994



2001.09



2007.05



2013.08



2018.10



2020.01



2021.08



2022.01



2022.10