

Company History

- 1959** The company founders, Isolde and Eugen Stalder, take over a small chrome plating shop in Engelburg SG.
- 1960** Start of galvanising in a 200-litre barrel
- 1962** First company outing
- 1963** Chrome plating and galvanizing are offered in a new building on Breitschachenstrasse.
In the same year, the first waste water system is put into operation.
- 1968** Extension to the chrome plating company is completed.
- 1969** Anodising of aluminium is introduced as a new process in a separate new building.
- 1973** The sole proprietorship Stalder is converted into a public limited company, Stalder AG.
- 1974** 15th anniversary of the company
- 1976** Construction of the main building, Plant 1, with the first fully automatic galvanising plant, a new waste water system and new offices
- 1977** Construction of the barrel galvanising plant
- 1978** Construction of own transformer station and garages
- 1979** 20th anniversary of the company
Expansion of the automatic galvanising machine with a 3rd zinc bath and installation of a 2nd converter
- 1981** Purchase of the neighbouring property «Wider» and construction of Plant 2 with a new barrel galvanising unit
- 1982** Introduction of IT in the company
- 1983** A New multi-purpose building with the first anodising plant (Colinal), a workshop, a training room with canteen and the laboratory
- 1984** The new burnishing department is opened with the construction of a Brünox plant.
- 1986** The chrome plating company is converted to a fully automatic computer-controlled system for nickel, copper, chrome and gold.
- 1987** Installation of a pilot plant and start of pickling and electropolishing of stainless steel
- 1988** Expansion of the road, construction of a subway, new car parks, new connections to the sewage treatment plant
The purchase of land between Plant 1 and Plant 2 and below Breitschachenstrasse ensures further expansion.
- 1989** Installation of a new wastewater system-Aquaren and complete overhaul of the existing first wastewater system
- 1990** Construction of Plant 3 and inauguration of stainless steel surface technology
- 1991** Extension of the electropolishing plant with 2nd converter and automatic machines. New installation of Brünox and automatic zinc coating machine in Plant 3.
- 1994** Extension of Plant 1: New offices and additional production space created.
The first quality management system certification according to ISO 9002 is successfully confirmed.
- 1999** Takeover of Metallwaren AG, Plant 4: Another fully automatic galvanising line is installed.
- 2000** Start of production in Plant 4 and introduction of an innovative process: barrel electropolishing
- 2004** 45th company anniversary
The first company in Eastern Switzerland to put cyanide decontamination into operation.
Company founder Eugen Stalder hands over operational management to Christoph Stalder, the second generation.
- 2005** Hard anodising of aluminium is offered as a new process.
- 2007** Extension of Eloxxal and canopy of Plant 1, new installation of a central exhaust air system and expansion of the barrel electropolishing plant
- 2008** The company founder Isolde Stalder dies on 27 September.
The waste water system is equipped with the latest computerised control system.
- 2009** 50th company anniversary
Stalder AG receives the 2009 Environmental Cup and is successfully certified according to the ISO 14001 environmental management system.

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- 2011** Complete overhaul of the electropolishing plant with rack. The system control is replaced by a fully automatic process control.
- 2012** New installation of recirculating water system for water treatment
- 2013** New Plant 4, extension to Plant 2 and new parking spaces
- 2014** 55th anniversary of the company
New installation of a fully automatic barrel galvanising system and an exhaust air system
Take over and integration of the surface technology division with barrel anodising of small parts in bulk from market leader Color Metal GmbH from Heitersheim, DE
- 2015** New construction of Plant 2 with the start of production of a new barrel anodising system
- 2017** The new service centre (DLZ) handles testing and assembly work, final packaging, labelling, packing, direct shipping and interim storage.
- 2018** New installation of a fully automatic anodising system with cooling system and energy recovery.
Two photovoltaic systems are put into operation on the roofs of Plant 1 and Plant 4 for the company's own use.
- 2019** 60th anniversary of the company
Inauguration of a modern anodising plant in Plant 3. The barrel galvanising plant is converted to a cyanide-free process.
TopCoat sealants are now offered in a hybrid process for the corrosion protection of zinc.
- 2020** Stalder Swiss Finish for smallest parts gets its own website: smallestparts.ch
- 2021** Thick-film passivation (chrome-6-free) replaces yellow passivation.
The process of the large galvanising plant is converted to cyanide-free galvanising
New installation of a circulating water system, introduction of own ERP solution for electroplating
- 2022** Company founder Eugen Stalder dies on 17 October.
- 2023** Cédric and Robin Stalder, Christoph Stalder's two sons, join the company.
Two new photovoltaic systems are put into operation on the roofs of Plant 1 and Plant 2.
The ground-breaking ceremony marks the start of the extension to the main building.
- 2024** 65th anniversary of the company
A new photovoltaic system with 176 kWp is put into operation on the main building.