

## Sunfab celebrates 90 years of history and innovation.

**In 1925 Eric Sundin started his company in Arbrå, Hälsingland. Initially it was a factory which solely produced skis. Over the years the company progressed and new products were developed. It has resulted in that Eric Sundin's innovations today employ 1000's of people all over the world.**

Sunfab's founder, Eric Sundin, started a factory in Arbrå 1925 to produce skis under the name Sundins. The Swedish military became aware of the innovative ski manufacturer and began buying large quantities of skis, whereupon the company grew rapidly. After a fire in 1927, the ski factory moved from Arbrå to Hudiksvall. The company grew quite rapidly from its early premises. In 1936 Eric Sundin bought an old industry plant at Hudiksvall harbour, where operations were moved.

### Several proprietary patents

Eric constantly had new inventions in the pipeline. He also received several of its own patents in ski manufacture, among others, for a hydraulic size press. The machines in the factory they built themselves and in the 1940s they were so effective that they could produce 100 skis per hour. They used more and more hydraulics in the production and their knowledge increased, this resulted in that Eric Sundin together with the builder Einar Frisk founded Hydrauliska Industriaktiebolaget – Hiab.

One of the greatest inventions came in 1947, when they created the world's first mobile hydraulic crane. It was also the starting point for Hiab, a company that would revolutionize cargo handling worldwide. In the following years product development continued and soon they needed new technology to give the cranes higher performance. 1952 Eric formed a new company, Sunfab for the development of hydraulic products. Two years later they created Sunfab's first hydraulic piston pump for trucks.

### From skis to pumps

In the 1960s, Sundins was one of the world's largest ski manufacturers. In addition, demand increased constantly, both at Sunfab pumps and Hiab cranes. It was too much for a family to manage themselves. Therefore in 1965 Hiab was sold to an investment company. Eric Sundin, however, continued to work on Sundin's factories until he passed away in 1975.

In the 80s competition increased from ski manufacturers all around Europe, which resulted in Sundins discontinued its ski manufacturing, 1989.

### The start of Sunfab

In the early 90s Sundin's factories changed name to Sunfab Hydraulics AB and focused entirely on truck hydraulics. In addition to that they developed the well-known SC-pump they also developed a hydraulic motor. The focus over the years on product development and marketing has given effect. From the approximately 8,000 pumps that delivered in the late 80s, the number today is up to over 40,000 pumps and motors sold per year.

### Exports to over 40 countries

Today Sunfab is a well known brand all over the world. Approximately 90% of production is exported to about 40 countries around the world. The number of employees has steadily increased over the past 15 years and is now up to over 100 people, including the employees of the subsidiaries in the UK, Germany, France and Spain.

For Sunfab it is important to be a local manufacturing company in Hudiksvall. It is the beacon that drives the company's continued development and innovation. Therefore, all development and production is performed in the company's state of the art factory in Hudiksvall. The new plant, which opened in 2006, is located next door to the old factory, which at one time was the world's largest ski factory.

### Eric's spirit lives on

Nine decades after the start in 1925, the traces of the ski manufacturing is still with Sunfab, now in its own museum in the old ski factory. The legacy resting after the founder Eric Sundin is reflected in the Sundin spirit that exists and survives in the family owned company today. The goal is to continue to evolve in this spirit in the future.

