

## **ThermoTEC celebrates its 30th company anniversary**

**On 1<sup>st</sup> July 1991, the foundation stone for today's ThermoTEC Weilburg GmbH & Co. KG was laid. It is with a lot of pride that the company looks back at the last three decades. Since its foundation, there have been many milestones that have enabled ThermoTEC to become a leading provider of environmental simulation equipment in the German-speaking market and beyond. A good and social togetherness paired with a long-term professional perspective", this is the answer you got from Karl-Heinz Habich when he was asked what his company is all about. Thanks to this down-to-earth attitude, the company was able to survive even challenging times such as the founding years as well as the financial and subsequent automotive crisis despite economic headwinds and to lay the foundation for today's ThermoTEC.**

### **Founding years and Pioneering spirit**

A look back at the company's history: When his employer at the time wanted to outsource the distribution of so-called "climate test chambers" in Germany, the then 36-year-old engineer Karl-Heinz Habich took the opportunity and bravely jumped into this vacated niche. Initially, in 1991, the young company focused itself exclusively on the sale of test cabinets produced in Japan, for which customers were mainly to be found in the electronics and automotive industries. Work was carried out in an office consisting of two workstations in the Weilburg district of Kirschhofen. Thanks to the steadily increasing number of orders and the expansion of the range to include various services, ThermoTEC Weilburg GmbH & Co. KG moved to the neighboring industrial area of Weilburg-Kubach after only five years and together with five employees. They invested in their own and larger premises in order to be able to stock spare parts or even complete systems. A showroom was opened in 2007 - at this point the company had over 20 employees. In 2011, the test center, the modification workshop and the warehouse were relocated to a hall adjacent to the company premises. In 2016 ThermoTEC invested in a new sales building including larger meeting and seminar rooms, achieved DAkkS accreditation in accordance with ISO 17025 for the calibration laboratory and, at this point, already employed around 50 people. With the founding of the Swiss sister company ttwe schweiz AG based in Kaiseraugst near Basel, the sales and service network was expanded in 2016. The company currently has over 80 employees including its current managing directors: Julia and Fabian Habich, the children of Karl-Heinz Habich, as well as Jörn Linnenkohl.

### **Today**

"ThermoTEC has mastered numerous challenges - even in uncertain and difficult times - gained experience, learned and has thus grown into a successful company," says Fabian Habich. "We are very grateful to our employees, customers, business partners and industry members who have accompanied us on our way," continues Habich. He sees individual customer service, fast order processing, short delivery times and a wide range of services that

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contain a lot of in-depth specialist knowledge as the company's particular strengths. Resting on your laurels, however, is not an option, as the future demands permanent further development. The continuous digitization of all company processes is also on the agenda. Besides this, the dynamic company is planning to increase the service team and is constantly looking for trained specialists.

### **The Future**

"In 30 years we have achieved a lot through partnership with our customers. That makes us proud and at the same time ready to face new challenges," said Julia Habich. The company always strives for innovative and holistic solutions, offers modern infrastructure and a wide range of services. In addition, ThermoTEC acquired a plot of land opposite its headquarters in 2021 and will invest in the expansion of a new company building in the future, which is expected to be available for up to 30 employees by 2024. The test center, the workshop and the warehouse will also be located there in the future. In addition, ThermoTEC operates a professional training management system that promotes qualified applicants in various professions. In the anniversary year, four new apprenticeships were again offered and successfully filled. Corporate responsibility, topics such as social commitment and the compatibility of family and work will continue to be focus areas in the future.

### **30 years company anniversary**

Fortunately, the corona pandemic had no lasting impact on the company. Only the anniversary celebration has to be celebrated in a smaller format than originally planned. Now a smaller, but no less beautiful and familiar celebration will take place in their own premises. To honor this significant event, the company is exhibiting a gallery about its history since incorporation and the milestones that have been achieved over the past 30 years. With a mixture of thanks and optimism, daughter Julia Habich is looking forward to the party and to the years to come: "I am proud of my father, what he has achieved and we will do everything we can to always carry it on in his sense." The family business has grown dynamically and sustainably since the company was founded in 1991. "A great life's work that has many wonderful memories in it," sums up Fabian Habich.

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*Company founder Karl-Heinz Habich with Japanese business partners during the opening ceremony in 1991*

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*Group photo at the 10-year company anniversary of ThermoTEC*



*Group photo of the ThermoTEC team in front of the company building in Weilburg in 2019*

## COMPANY PROFILE

ThermoTEC has been the specialist in the sales and service of climate test technology for 30 years. Our portfolio includes the entire range of climatic testing technology applications:

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climatic test chambers, temperature shock test chambers, HAST systems as well as other devices and systems for environmental simulation from the well-known manufacturer ESPEC, climatic chambers and plant growth chambers for botanical examinations, test chambers and chambers for the pharmaceutical industry, measured value recording systems as well as test chambers for battery tests and Weathering tests. ThermoTEC has been convincing its customers with innovative technology, in-depth specialist knowledge and tailor-made solutions since 1991.