

Here is the history behind how it all happened.

ASEA, 1917

The Swedish electronics manufacturer launched its first ever contactor called the AEV.

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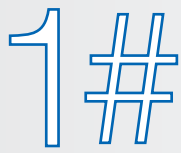
1967

The EG contactor was introduced with plastic details that improved safety and reliability in tough environments.



1985

Strengthened its position as a global production leader of large contactors up to 630 A.



Petercem, 1920

Based in France they started their own control gear activity in Lyon.



1956

Brown Boveri Company went on to buy Petercem.



1967

The S range

was launched. It was the first ever contactor range with front mounted contact blocks for simplified assembly.



1983

The B range

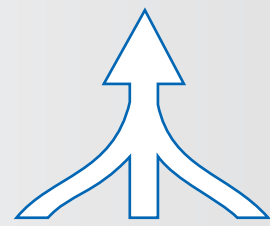
was launched. It complemented the existing SLA range up to 460 A from BBC in Germany. Both were much appreciated.

1988

ABB

ABB was formed

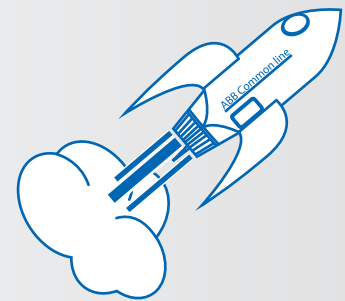
through a merger between Swiss Brown Boveri Company, Swedish ASEA and the Finnish company Strömbergs.



1989

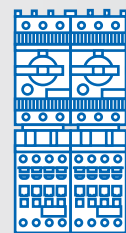
The common line was launched to market

It consisted of contactors from France up to 75 A, contactors produced in Sweden up to 800 A, together with motor protection products from Germany.



1998

ABB introduced the A contactor and very soon it became the "flagship" product. Breakers, relays and contactors were designed for a perfect match.



Today

ABB's contactors provide unmatched performance regardless of network conditions. A complete contactor range up to 2650 A, embedding AF technology, is available for any application. ABB continues to push the boundaries of motor control and power switching.



To see more benefits of ABB's contactors, please check out our video!