



Hochiki History

Hochiki Corporation

Hochiki is distinguished by the experience and expertise of more than 80 years as one of the world's largest manufacturers and suppliers of industrial fire detection products.

Hochiki Corporation was founded in Tokyo in 1918 with most of the major Japanese insurance companies as founder shareholders.

Hochiki Corporation undertakes design, manufacture, installation and maintenance of fire alarm systems and produces in excess of 3 million units per year. An international market leader in the manufacture of fire protection products Hochiki Corporation also produces fire extinguishing, security and cable television systems. The Company employs some 1,300 people, has 3 manufacturing plants, 35 sales offices and 13 subsidiaries in Japan.

Hochiki America Corporation

In 1972 Hochiki established Hochiki America Corporation in order to cater for the growing demand in the American market.

Hochiki America now has over 100 employees, a fully operational factory, established sales and technical support facilities. Having expanded its plant in California in the late 1980's, Hochiki America now manufactures UL and FM approved products.

Hochiki Europe

Hochiki's activities in Europe started in the late 1960's. In the first ten years, business was conducted through a trading company, but fierce competition in Europe, both on price and after-sales service, highlighted the need for a direct presence closer to the market.

In 1986 Hochiki established a representative office in London, then in 1992 a freehold on 2.7 acres in Gillingham, Kent was purchased.

Investment in this purpose-built production facility and technical support centre demonstrates Hochiki's strong commitment to serve the needs of its European customers directly.

Hochiki Europe now sells its products directly in the UK and promotes and supports its fire detection products through many long established European agencies. The Company has over 350 active UK customers and works closely with all major European standards organisations to ensure its range of detection products complies fully with the latest regulations. With over 80 employees Hochiki Europe at present builds in excess of 500,000 conventional and intelligent detectors and ancillaries per year. By employing the latest manufacturing techniques and rigorous quality control to ISO 9001, Hochiki Europe ensures every product installed will continue to enhance Hochiki's name for long-term reliable fire detection.

In 2012 Hochiki Europe established a dedicated sales and support office in Dubai, UAE to better serve its customers and potential customers in this strategically important region.