

## BW Papersystems Stuttgart GmbH (former Kugler-Womako & bielomatik) - Company History

Year	Kugler Automation GmbH	Womako Maschinenkonstruktion GmbH	Bielomatik GmbH
1945			Hans Biel founds a design company focusing on automation in Neuffen, Germany.
1948			Hans Biel officially registers bielomatik GmbH in Neuffen, Germany.
1949			First paper processing machines.
1951			First automated exercise book line.
1955			Development of new machines for the manufacturing of pads and looseleaf dividers.  The first punching and binding machine for spiral notebooks is delivered to the USA.
1957			Development of new machines for paper processing, for example the three-cut automats/ five-cut automats.
1958			Presentation of the first automatic collators for continuous forms on the DRUPA '58 fair in Düsseldorf, Germany.
1961			Development of the first sorting cut-size sheeter.
1962	Walter Kugler founds Kugler Automation GmbH. First semi-automatic writing pad machine.		
1966	Machine for production of tear-off-calendars.		
1968	First paper punching machine.		Leuze Group acquires bielomatik GmbH and forms bielomatik Leuze GmbH + Co.KG  First paper punching machine.  First carbon paper inspection and cut-size machines.
1969			First cut-size sheeter.
1970			Completion of the first bank note cut-size and sorting machine.
1972	Machine for production of suspension files. Machine for production of drawing pads.		Presentation of the new machine program for wire comb binding and a high-speed cut-size sheeter at DRUPA '72 in Düsseldorf, Germany.
1973	First fully-automatic machine for the mounting of lever arch files.	Hans Wohlfahrt founds Womako Maschinenkonstruktion GmbH	
1976			First folio sheeter with synchronous run cutter. Development of the fully automated folio ream production for the US market.
1977	First fully-automatic passport manufacturing line.	First "multi-up" spiral binding machine.	
1978	Machine for production of ring binders.		
1980	Machine for production of suspension files from the web.		
1982			First high-speed sheeter with non-stop stacking.
1983		First high-speed forming machine for double wire with 2500 loops/min.	

1985			Development of three special machines for the manufacturing of note pads with glue (Post-it).  Development of Flexo blade pressure printing units for the ruling machines and presentation on the Print '85 fair in Chicago, USA.
1986			First wire comb forming machine P 496 and the exercise book line P 15-90 with shrink film packaging line, 100 cycles/min.
1987	High-speed machine for the mounting of lever arch files with 65 cycles/minute.		
1989		Delivery of the 100th binding machine.	
1990			The DRUPA '90 fair in Düsseldorf, Germany with the new Collator from the 8th model range and exercise machines.
1994			Development of the new machine generation P 2000, a web-finishing system.  First 12-pocket cut-size sheeter.
1995			Start-up of the cut-size installation P 1202 with a subsequent world record (516 short-tons in 24 hours).
1996		Delivery of the 200th binding machine.	
1997	Laser perforation of passports with 50 books/minute.		
1998		Flexible high-speed cutting machine for photo paper.	
1999	Delivery of the 1.000th punching machine.	First high-speed label cutting machine for wet glue applied labels.	
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1999	Merger of Kugler Automation GmbH and Womako Maschinenkonstruktionen GmbH to <b>Kugler-Womako GmbH</b> based in Nürtingen		
2000	Presentation of the highly flexible binding machine HS 542 at DRUPA.		Book-on-Demand binding line and transponder processing systems ("Smart Products"/ smart labels with integrated chips) presentation at the DRUPA '00 fair in Düsseldorf, Germany.
2001	Delivery of the 100th double wire forming machine.		
2002	Implementation of the ProPunch punching machines. Fully-automatic high-speed binding machine HS 525 for 2 - 6 up. Delivery of the 250th binding machine.		
2004	Presentation of the first fully-automatic binding line for plastic spiral bound products at DRUPA. Machine for chip-integration in passports. Acquisition of the Combina of Schäfer-Etiketten V GmbH labeling machines.		
2005	PassPort 4 machine for chip-programming in passports.		
2006	Presentation of the new high-speed double wire forming machine ProLoop at IPEX in Birmingham.		
2007	Kugler-Womako acquires the existing company premises in Nürtingen.		Introduction of Qualifier T-100/165 high-speed transponder processing system with a capacity of 20000 labels per hour.
2010	Kugler-Womako wins the Innovation Award of the German Printing Industry for the new paper binding machine EcoBinder.		
2012	An investment group of Orlando Management AG from Munich becomes the new owner of Kugler-Womako and the sister companies E.C.H. Will and Pemco.		
2014	MarquipWardUnited, a Barry-Wehmillers company, acquires Kugler-Womako and its sister companies Pemco and E.C.H. Will. The new holding BW Papersystems is set up to combine all these strong brands.		
2015	Barry-Wehmillers acquires Bielomatik paper processing group. Bielomatik is merged with Kugler-Womako's sister company Will-Pemco and forms two new brands, BW Bielomatik and WillPemcoBielomatik.		

	<b>BW Papersystems Stuttgart GmbH</b>
2016	The manufacturing location Kugler-Womako GmbH is legally renamed to BW Papersystems Stuttgart GmbH and is now the home base of Kugler-Womako and BW Bielomatik brands.