



History

1974

Silca is founded as a company: Società Italiana Lavorazione Chiavi e Affini. The key production is set up on a professional basis: the handcraft activity is transformed into an industrial activity. A complete line of key copying machines is planned, differentiated on the basis of price and market, and the Silca brand begins its climb to success.

1978

Founding I.M.P. S.A. in Paris now Silca S.A.S.

1986

Opening of the subsidiary Silca U.K. Ltd. in London.

1987

Founding of Silca Deutschland GmbH in Heiligenhaus.

1989

Opening of the American subsidiary Silca Keys U.S.A. at Twinsburg Ohio.

1993

Transfer of the German headquarters of Silca Deutschland from Heiligenhaus to Velbert, the traditional hub of security manufacturers in Germany.

1996

Purchase of an area adjoining the Vittorio Veneto headquarters, and construction of a new premises, doubling the production area to 30.000 sqm.

1997

Merge with the Unican Group.

1998

Acquisition of Bollini s.r.l., an Italian company tightly focused on the specialist production of key machines for the French and German market. Acquisition of GBZ an Italian manufacturer of industrial machinery. Acquisition of Elzett, a Hungarian company manufacturing security products, with 300 employees (today Kaba Elzett Rt.)

2000

The operation of Ilco Orion S.p.A. is merged with the Silca operation.
Opening of Silca Unican Iberian S.A. - Barcelona (today Silca Key System S.A.)

2001

Kaba Security Ag acquires the Unican Group, creating the third largest security group in the world.





2002 – 2008

During the last years Silca has strongly invested in technological evolution of its machinery product range. Special attention has been dedicated to transponder technology and transponder devices. Thanks to advanced and deep research dedicated to transponder and transponder related technologies Silca has being able to introduce a high number of innovative products in a few years offering to its Partners and Clients in most cases the forefront of the technology in the locksmithing business. Highly innovative products such as: Triax-e.code, Viper, Leonardo, SBB, RW3, Bravo, Rekord and Optika have being successfully introduced in the daily activity of the professional Locksmiths. On the distribution network side the company has enlarged its influence thank to an integrated Network made of Regional Marketing Organisations, selected Distribution Partners and Manufacturing hubs operating all over the World.

2008 - 2011

In the period 2008 to 2011 the company has continued to invest in technological innovation. Of the many successful projects ProTech is worthy of special attention. This is an extraordinary fully automatic semi-industrial machine for cutting, engraving and sorting different types of keys. Besides ProTech other technological gems now enhance the Silca range, among which are the electronic Triax Quattro and Unocode 399 Plus, excellent workmates for specialists and locksmiths throughout the world. In the realm of keys Silca has continued to innovate its already vast range of key blanks at a rate of one or two new keys a day. Not only has the standard range been extended, but innovative and unusual finishes have been added as product variants. These include the collections Art Simpson, Diamond Keys with incorporated strass and attractive graphics, and Silky and Slim coloured keys. As well as products, numerous activities linked to the World Wide Web have been added with service and customer information platforms and innovative tools for online interaction between customers and the company. Silca's ISO 9001: 2008 certification has been re-confirmed for the high quality standards of its processes.



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