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Diebold Corporate History

Diebold, Incorporated, was founded in 1859, its early reputation based solidly on its security expertise. Through the years, its award-winning talents have grown steadily to encompass both financial self-service solutions and services. Today, Diebold provides innovative, sophisticated, self-service delivery and security systems, all of it backed by an expert, worldwide service organization.

Nineteenth Century

- 1859** — Diebold was founded in 1859 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was known at the time as the Diebold Bahmann Safe Company.
- 1871** — The Great Chicago Fire destroys most everything except 878 Diebold safes with their contents intact and undamaged. Diebold moved headquarters to Canton, Ohio, one year later to find room for growth.
- 1872** — Canton, Ohio is chosen as Diebold's new headquarters city because of its readily available workforce, its industrious, German-speaking population and the availability of resources, including steel plants and transportation. Local town fathers also offered financial incentives.
- 1876** — When Diebold became incorporated, the company changes its name to the Diebold Safe & Lock Company.
- 1881** — First recorded international sale— Diebold builds a safe for the President of Mexico.

Twentieth Century

- 1930s** — Diebold stock begins trading publicly.
- 1930s** — Infamous bank robber and murderer John Dillinger prompts Diebold's creation of a robbery deterrent system for banks that will flood the bank lobby with tear gas and cause bandits to flee.
- 1936** — Diebold expands its product line by acquiring companies that specialize in products such as rotary, visible and indexing files and microfilming systems.
- 1939-45** — During World War II, the company devotes 98 percent of its activities to war work. At its peak, Diebold employs 2,900 workers and sells \$65 million in armor plate for more than 36,000 U.S. Army scout cars, among its other war-related activities.

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- 1943** — Diebold Safe & Lock Company changes name to Diebold, Incorporated to better reflect the company's gradual diversification into office products.
- 1944-1951** — Eliot Ness, former crime fighter of "The Untouchables" fame, serves as chairman of Diebold's board.
- 1950s** — Diebold safes appear on many popular U.S. quiz shows as a mark of quality and security. Chief among the shows was *The \$64,000 Question*.
- 1950s-1990s** — Diebold's stock splits eight times between 1956 and 1997.
- 1959** — Diebold's net income during its 100th anniversary was \$1,779,357.
- 1964** — The company (NYSE: DBD) begins to trade stocks on the New York Stock Exchange on April 27, 1964.
- 1965** — Diebold offers pneumatic tube delivery systems to banks, hospitals, post offices, libraries, office buildings and industrial facilities.
- 1973** — Diebold introduces TABS 500 Total Automatic Banking System.
- 1985** — Diebold's Event Monitoring Center, which monitors ATMs, kiosks, facilities and operations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, is unveiled.
- 1990** — InterBold was the name of the joint enterprise Diebold established with IBM to extend global reach.
- 1996** — Diebold becomes a \$1 billion-dollar company.
- 1999** — Diebold introduces the first iris recognition ATM in the United States – an ATM that identifies customers by recognizing unique patterns within the iris (colored part) of their eyes.

Twenty-First Century

- 2001** — Diebold is awarded a contract from the U.S. National Archives in Washington D.C., to secure the Charters of Freedom, including The Constitution, The Bill of Rights and The Declaration of Independence.
- 2003** — Diebold launches its new line of ATMs—the Opteva[®] family. The company's latest generation of ATMs set a new level of performance, reliability and flexibility in the industry.
- 2004** — Diebold Security's Event Monitoring Center receives prestigious Five-Diamond Designation.

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2008 — Diebold is chosen as the exclusive ATM provider at key Beijing Olympic venues.

2008 — United States Postal Service chooses Diebold to implement nationwide security program.

2009 — Diebold increases its cash dividend for the 56th consecutive year.

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