

HISTORY OF THE HOME DEPOT



1978	APRIL 14 - Bernie Marcus and Arthur Blank were fired from Handy Dan Home Improvement Centers.	1993	Team Depot, The Home Depot's associate volunteer program was established.	2003	The Home Depot became presenting sponsor of ESPN College GameDay.
1978	JUNE 29 The Home Depot Inc. was incorporated in Delaware.	1994	Aikenhead's stores were acquired to create the Canadian division.	2005	The 2,000th store opened.
1979	JUNE 22 - The first two Home Depot stores opened on Memorial Drive and Buford Highway in Atlanta, GA.	1995	The first Tool Rental Center opened in Nashville, TN.	2005	The Home Depot acquired 21 companies for its Home Depot Supply and Home Services businesses.
1979	By the end of 1979, The Home Depot had three stores, 200 associates and average weekly sales of \$81,700.	1996	The Home Depot marked 40 quarters, or 10 years, of consecutive record financial results.	2005	In response to Hurricane Katrina, The Home Depot Foundation supported rebuilding efforts in the Gulf community.
1980	The first regularly scheduled product knowledge training seminars began.	1997	The Home Depot developed the Kids' Workshop to teach building skills and safety.	2006	The Home Depot invested more than \$87 million into the Gulf community to support rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina.
1981	SEPTEMBER 22 The Home Depot stock went public on NASDAQ and raised \$4.093 million.	1997	Bernie Marcus handed over CEO to Arthur Blank.	2007	Frank Blake was elected chairman and CEO.
1981	The first Florida stores opened in Hollywood and Ft. Lauderdale.	1999	The Home Depot was added to the Dow Jones Industrial Average.	2007	The Home Depot estimated its current IT capabilities dated back to 1991, which sparked the beginning of its IT transformation.
1985	The first California store opened in Huntington Beach.	2000	Bob Nardelli was hired as president, CEO and member of the board of directors.	2007	Opened first Rapid Deployment Center, which marked the beginning of one of the most dramatic supply chain transformations in retail history.
1986	Began focusing on Pro customers.	2000	Established e-commerce site with test market in Las Vegas, NV.	2008	The Home Depot discontinued its focus on growing revenues through new store construction, closing 15 U.S. big box stores and canceling approximately 50 future store openings.
1987	Stores began using UPC scanning systems.	2001	Following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, The Home Depot's Mid-Atlantic Division served as an emergency command center.	2009	The Home Depot closed its EXPO Design Center stores.
1988	The Home Depot was included in S&P's 500 stock index.	2001	The Home Depot expanded into Mexico with the acquisition of Total Home.	2009	Launched Customers FIRST Training and Power Hours to rebuild customer service in stores.
1989	The 100th store opened.	2002	The Home Depot Foundation was established.	2010	The Home Depot was the first brick-and-mortar retailer with apps on the top three smartphone platforms.
1990	The Home Depot became the largest home improvement retailer.	2002	The Home Depot was the first major home improvement retailer to install self-checkouts.	2010	The Home Depot debuted Spring Black Friday, a first in retail history.
1991	The first EXPO Design Center opened in San Diego, CA.	2002	The 1,500th store opened.	2010	The Home Depot rolled out the FIRST Phone mobile devices to U.S. stores, a key enabler of interconnected retail capabilities and supply chain improvements.

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2011	With the opening of the 19th RDC, The Home Depot's distribution centers then served 100 percent of U.S. mainland stores.	2017	The Home Depot announced the purchase of Compact Power Equipment, Inc.		
2011	The Home Depot pledged \$30 million over three years to military veterans' housing issues.	2017	The Home Depot announced the acquisition of The Company Store.		
2011	Homedepot.com offered the ability to buy online and pick-up or return in-store.				
2012	Exited its big box retail effort in China and closed remaining big box stores.				
2012	The Home Depot Foundation pledged an additional \$50 million to veterans' housing initiatives, increasing its total commitment to \$80 million.				
2012	The Home Depot celebrated opening the 100th Mexico store.				
2012	The Home Depot was the first brick-and-mortar retailer to accept payment by PayPal.				
2013	The Home Depot hosted more than 700 hurricane workshops from Texas to Maine.				
2014	The first of three new DFCs opened to support the company's interconnected retail capabilities.				
2014	Craig Menear elected CEO and president.				
2015	The Company opened three online fulfillment centers, plus several tech centers, to support its overall interconnected retail strategy.				
2015	The Home Depot announced the acquisition of Interline Brands, Inc.				
2016	The Home Depot Foundation pledged a quarter of a billion dollars to veteran causes by 2020.				
2017	The Home Depot Foundation pledged \$3 million to support areas impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, as well as earthquakes in Mexico.				