April 14, 1978: Bernie Marcus and Arthur Blank were fired from Handy Dan Home Improvement Centers.

June 29, 1978: The Home Depot Inc. was incorporated in Delaware.

June 22, 1979: The first two Home Depot stores opened on Memorial Drive and Buford Highway in Atlanta, GA.

By the end of 1979, The Home Depot had three stores, 200 associates and average weekly sales of $81,700.


1985: The first California store opened in Huntington Beach.

1986: Focus began on Pro customer.

1987: Stores began using UPC scanning systems.

1988: The Home Depot was included in S&P's 500 stock index.

1989: The 100th store opened.

1990: The Home Depot became the largest home improvement retailer.

1990– 1991: Team Depot, The Home Depot's associate volunteer program was established.

1991: The first EXPO Design Center opened in San Diego, CA.

1994: Aikenhead's stores were acquired to create Canadian division.
1995  The first Tool Rental Center opened in Nashville, TN.

1996  The Home Depot marked 40 quarters, or 10 years, of consecutive record financial results.

1997  The Home Depot developed the Kids' Workshop to teach building skills and safety.

1997  Bernie Marcus handed over CEO to Arthur Blank.

1999  The Home Depot was added to the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

2000  Bob Nardelli was hired as president, CEO and member of the board of directors.

2000  Established e-commerce site with test market in Las Vegas, NV.

2001  Following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, The Home Depot's Mid-Atlantic Division served as an emergency command center.

2002  The Home Depot Foundation was established.

2002  The Home Depot was the first major home improvement retailer to install self-checkouts.

2002  The Home Depot expanded into Mexico with the acquisition of Del Norte.

2002  The 1,500th store opened.


2005  The 2,000th store opened.
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2010 The Home Depot debuted Spring Black Friday, a first in retail history.

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.

2011 With the opening of the 19th RDC, The Home Depot’s distribution centers then served 100 percent of U.S. mainland stores.

2011 The Home Depot pledged $30 million over three years to military veterans’ housing issues.

2011 Homedepot.com offered the ability to buy online and pick up or return in store.

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 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.

2012 Exited our big box retail effort in China, and closed six remaining orange box stores.

2014 The first of three new DFCs opened to support the company’s interconnected retail capabilities.