



HISTORY OF THE HOME DEPOT

- 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.
- 1979** By the end of 1979, The Home Depot had three stores, 200 associates and average weekly sales of \$81,700.
- 1980** The first regularly scheduled product knowledge training seminars began. September 22, 1981: The Home Depot stock went public on NASDAQ and raised \$4.093 million.
- 1981** The first Florida stores opened in Hollywood and Ft. Lauderdale.
- 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.



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- 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.
- 2002–2003** The Home Depot became presenting sponsor of ESPN College Gameday.
- 2005** The 2,000th store opened.



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- 2005** The Home Depot acquired 21 companies for its Home Depot Supply and Home Services businesses.
- 2005** In response to Hurricane Katrina, The Home Depot Foundation supported rebuilding efforts in the Gulf community with financial assistance and volunteer labor. As of 2014, nearly \$15 million has been donated.
- 2006** The Home Depot invested more than \$87 million into the Gulf community to support rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Katrina.
- 2007** Frank Blake was elected chairman and CEO.
- 2007** The Home Depot estimated its current IT capabilities dated back to 1991, which sparked the beginning of its IT transformation.
- 2007** Opened first Rapid Deployment Center, which marked the beginning of one of the most dramatic supply chain transformations in retail history.
- 2008** The Home Depot discontinued its focus on growing revenues through new store construction and closed 15 U.S. big box stores and canceled approximately 50 future store openings.
- 2009** The Home Depot closed its high-end EXPO Design stores.
- 2009** Launched Customer FIRST Training and Power Hours to rebuild customer service in stores.
- 2010** The Home Depot was the first brick-and-mortar retailer with apps on the top three smartphone platforms.



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