

THE STORY OF SCHUTTE AND KOERTING COMPANY



In 1876, a physicist and mechanical engineer of international stature, Dr. Ernst Koerting, formed a partnership with Mr. L. Schutte under the name of L. Schutte and Company. Seven years prior to this, Dr. Koerting had designed and patented what was apparently the first practical form of jet apparatus, a unique double tube injector which utilized the steam pressure of a boiler to deliver feedwater to the same boiler. This historic development paved the way for the many forms of jet equipment used today.

The first location of L. Schutte and Company was a rented building at Tenth Street and Columbia Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The company's first product, the double tube injector, was quickly followed by other products based upon the same principle. Due to rapid expansion and a growing line of products, the company was forced to find larger quarters and, in the year 1892, the factory was moved to Twelfth and Thompson Streets in Philadelphia, a location it was to occupy for 58 years.



In 1903, the company was incorporated under the name, Schutte and Koerting Company. At this time, Mr. A. K. Fischer joined the organization as manager. Dr. Ernst Koerting bought out Mr. Schutte's share in 1906. A new factory was erected in 1913 at a site in Cornwells Heights

(later to be known as Bensalem) in historic Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Larger items were manufactured in this plant, while small products continued to be manufactured at the Philadelphia plant. Dr. Ernst Koerting passed away in 1921 and Mr. A. K. Fischer became President until his death in 1942. At that time, Mrs. Helene Koerting Fischer took over the reigns of management as President. Her determination to perpetuate the company and her confidence in the employees laid the foundation for the present vigorous and aggressive S&K. Mr. U. W. Fischer assumed the office of President in 1953, at which time Mrs. H. K. Fischer was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

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Heights plant was partially destroyed by fire in 1927, it was rebuilt immediately in the same location. Then, in 1950 all facilities were consolidated in Cornwells Heights where plenty of room for expansion existed.

Over the years, new product followed new product. The first eductor condenser was patented in 1882 and, a short time later, the company developed and built the first high-pressure valves (250 lbs.) ever made in this country. In 1915, the first thermocompressor was designed and manufactured, to recover and reuse the available heat contained in low pressure or waste steam.

In 1931, S&K introduced into this country the Rotameter, a variable-area type instrument for the accurate measurement of fluid rate of flow. Today, all of these developments continue to be used by industry. While technologies have changed and some of these products have become more sophisticated with time, the principles remain just as good today as they were then.

In early 1957, the company created a separate Instrument Division and erected an addition to the existing plant to house both the shop and the offices of this new entity. In a subsequent company restructuring, the Instrument Division was absorbed back into the parent company.

In order to amplify the heat exchanger product line, the controlling interest in the Whitlock Manufacturing Company, located in West Hartford, Connecticut, was purchased in 1959. Operated for many years as a subsidiary of Schutte and Koerting Company, the Whitlock product line later became a part of the Heat Transfer Division of Ketema, Inc., located in Grand Prairie, Texas.

In 1971, Schutte and Koerting Company was acquired by Ametek, Inc., a Delaware Corporation and a diversified manufacturing company with corporate headquarters in Paoli, Pennsylvania.

In 1988, Ametek spun off 14 divisions, including Schutte and Koerting, into a newly formed corporation known as Ketema, Inc.

In 1998, Schutte and Koerting LLC came into being after Ketema sold off 13 of the original divisions.

In June, 2005 the company re-organized to the current, newly formed Schutte & Koerting Acquisition Company.

In March, 2006 the company relocated its corporate, administrative, engineering, design, and manufacturing facilities to Treviso, Pennsylvania, only a short distance from the old 1920's factory location.

At present, the company is organized around two Business Units: The Power and Process Business Unit, and the Aftermarket Business Unit. The line of superbly-engineered, designed and manufactured equipment includes many forms of jet ejectors, eductors, condensers, valves, nozzles, desuperheaters, thermocompressors, gas scrubbers, and packaged vacuum systems.

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