

The history of monta Klebebandwerk GmbH

monta's origins date back to the year 1855. Since then, we developed from a cord factory to one of the leading manufacturers of natural rubber adhesive packaging tapes worldwide. Read our fascinating company history here:

In the year 1855, a family named Probst decided to found a new company in the Bavarian town Immenstadt. Location advantages like a railway connection and the hydropower of a local mountain creek led to the establishment of the **Mechanische Bindfadenfabrik Immenstadt**. The factory specialized in the industrial production of cords & strings and was the first of its kind in Germany.

From the early beginnings, the company successfully maintained international business relationships: The raw material hemp was imported from Italy and Russia by train, while the technical knowledge came from England, the home country of the textile industry.

In the year 1857, the factory had already grown from small premises to a big production site. In its surroundings, a completely new district with workman's houses, entrepreneur's villas and social institutions was built.

At this time, the company's extensive property also included two nearby lakes. Their water generated the required electricity to illuminate the factory's machine halls.



Drawing of the production site, dated 1857

Between 1882 and 1902, the company was able to double its production thanks to the high product quality and the steadily rising demand: It produced 3,100 tonnes of string and rope per year, which was exported to many nations around the world.

In 1902, **Hanfwerke Füssen-Immenstadt** was created through the company's merger with Mechanische Bindfadenfabrik Füssen. After many more prosperous years, at the end of the Second World War, a structural change became obvious, driven by consumer demand for modern packaging materials.

The origins of our adhesive tape production

In 1961, the company founded a subsidiary called **Implast**, also based in Immenstadt, where it manufactured canisters, bottles, coated strings, strapping bands and films. The necessary templates, blow moldings and calibrating tools were produced mechanically. By using modern screen-printing machines, the factory was able to print friction vials and canisters.

At the same time, self-adhesive tapes became more and more important. As a consequence, in 1963 the company started to manufacture adhesive tapes itself. Concurrently, it established another product division for PE and PP films. These were used for manufacturing bags, protective films and carpet backings. A blown film extrusion line produced films with a high longitudinal strength due to their mono-axial stretching, which were used as backing material for special adhesive tapes.

After various ownership handovers and a major fire in 1979, the site was modernized and enlarged. The production and the distribution channels faced restructuring: The company no longer supplied traders and consumers and began specialising as a packaging supplier and converter.



The factory site in the middle of the 20th century

Following another change in ownership, the company was renamed **monta Klebebandwerk GmbH** in 1983.

Tradition meets innovation

After more ownership changes throughout the following years, monta still manufactures its high-quality adhesive tapes in the historical premises in Immenstadt. In 1996, the company's quality management has been certified according to ISO 9001:2015, and its environmental management has been certified according to ISO 14001:2015.

In the year 2006, the company put a world-leading high-tech coating machine for natural rubber adhesives into operation, which processes PVC, BOPP, MOPP, PET, PLA and paper backing materials.

Emphasizing its international orientation, monta founded two subsidiaries called fix-pack in Romania and Hungary in 2011 and 2012.

Since 2015, monta's energy management is certified according to ISO 50001:2018.

Following a major fire in 2015 which destroyed the building and the production facility of the slitting department, a new state-of-the-art slitting department was inaugurated in 2016.



View of the monta production site in 2017

monta, being a future-oriented company, soon was aware of the importance of sustainability.

In 2019 it launched monta biopack®, the first certified self-adhesive tape Made in Germany. The Greenline portfolio has been extended by various environmentally friendly products ever since. Since August 2021 monta has calculated all unavoidable carbon emissions of all monta Greenline tapes and been financing climate protection projects to the amount of the calculated emissions. Since 2020 monta has been rated by ecoVadis, and after being awarded the Silver Medal three consecutive times, the company received the ecoVadis Gold Medal in 2024, proving monta's sustainability.

End of 2022, the adhesive tape manufacturer was taken over by a new main shareholder. In 2024, Lars Böhrnsen and Steffen Lauber became the new Managing Directors at monta. Together, the focus will be to continue the established company core values including service, cooperation and quality, as well as to grow the sustainable product range to further drive the success of the traditional company.