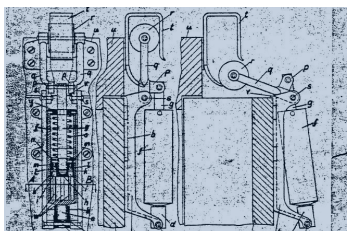


THE BEGINNINGS: 1932 - 1950s

THE INVENTION OF THE DOOR DAMPER & THE BEGINNING OF DICTATOR

DICTATOR DOOR DAMPERS
THROUGH HISTORY



1932 INVENTION OF THE DOOR DAMPER

The DICTATOR story begins with patent no. 578533 for an "Hydraulic Shock Absorber and Door Closer" - which was invented by a German and a Dutchman.



THE FIRST DICTATOR COMPANY CAR

An effective form of advertising that attracted a great deal of attention.



FIRST DOOR DAMPER BROCHURES

Good promotion has always been a characteristic of DICTATOR's selling skills.



DOOR DAMPER CARTOON

A cartoon illustrates the problem to be solved, which is as relevant today as it was then.

1930

- **1935**
First television program from Berlin Radio Tower
Germany thereby hosts the first regular television program in the world.

- **1941**
The first computer
With his digital calculator Konrad Zuse marks the beginning of a new technological era.

1950



FIRST DICTATOR MANUFACTURE

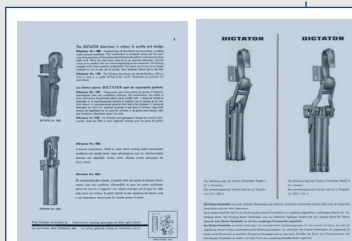
At that time, DICTATOR door dampers were still manufactured by hand - also with the highest quality standards.



THE FIRST DICTATOR LOGO

The door damper in the center characterizes the first decades of the brand's image.

1940



DOOR DAMPER INTERNATIONAL

Since early on, the door damper was distributed internationally (brochures in German/English/French).

- **1953**
First climb of Mount Everest
Hillary & Norgay are the first people to reach the "roof of the world".
- **1957**
The beginning of space travel
Launch of the first artificial earth satellite Sputnik 1.



- **1931**
Empire State building
With the push of a button, President Hoover inaugurates the building and turns on the lights for the first time.

ADVANCEMENT: 1950s - 1990s

DOOR DAMPERS TAKE THE WORLD BY STORM

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1971 OWNERSHIP CHANGE

Dr. Schneider takes over the "Deutsche Dictator Türschließer Gesellschaft Ruef & Co.", and since then the DICTATOR Group is family owned.

1973 •
The Concorde transforms aviation
The first supersonic passenger aircraft in scheduled service.



NEW DICTATOR LOGO

The new logo stands for the internationalization of this time.



1988 REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED COMPANIES

More than 50 years after the joint invention, the two DICTATOR branches in Germany and Holland come together again.

1983 •
Birth year of the Internet
All networks are interconnected by a universal language.

1970

1960

1969 •
Moon landing
One small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.



TRADE FAIR EXHIBITS WORLDWIDE

DICTATOR presents its product highlights at trade fairs throughout Europe and the USA.



MOVING INTO OWN COMPANY BUILDING

Relocation of the company headquarters to its first own buildings in Neusäß near Augsburg - which would grow over time.

1980



INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION

The first international offices are founded: DICTATOR Española (Spain) & DICTATOR Engineering (England)



FIRST ROBOT IN PRODUCTION

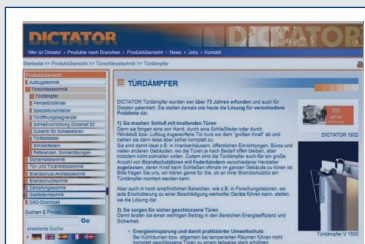
In the production of our door dampers, we have always attached great importance to using state-of-the-art technology. That's why we started using robots very early.

1990

DOOR DAMPERS TODAY: 1990s - TODAY

A MECHANICAL PROBLEM-SOLVER STILL IN DEMAND IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY

DICTATOR DOOR DAMPERS
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1998 FIRST DICTATOR WEBSITE

A big step towards digitalization when the first website goes online.



DOOR DAMPER APPROVED FOR FIRE DOORS

Since 2002, door dampers also ensure that fire doors always close completely and remain closed.

2007 First iPhone

With the iPhone the Internet arrived into every pocket.



NEW BUILDING FOR PRODUCTION FACILITY IN HOLLAND

The new building with offices and production hall is ready for the future.

1990

1991 World Wide Web

The ultimate revolution of technical communication.



DIGITAL CATALOG PRODUCTION

A major milestone in the presentation of our product information: faster and more professionally.

2000

2005 First YouTube video

Today the site has over five billion daily views.



MANY MODELS & DESIGNS

Thus, the door damper can be installed on almost any door.

2010

2011 Mars Rover

was launched to search for signs of inhabitability on Mars.



AUTOMATION WITH THE HIGHEST QUALITY

A new, extremely precise CNC lathe handles the conical inner bore of the door damper cylinders.

2020



BLACK LINE

The door damper, just like our other products, adapts to the designer trends of the time.