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Year	Month	History
1934	Jan.	Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd., established, based on a government plan to establish a domestic photographic film manufacturing industry. The new company inherited the split-off photographic film operations of Dainippon Celluloid Company Limited.
	Feb.	Ashigara Factory (currently the Kanagawa Factory Ashigara Site) began operating, producing photographic film, photographic print paper, dry plates, and other photosensitive materials
1938	June	Odawara Factory (currently the Kanagawa Factory Odawara Site) established
1944	Mar.	Business operations obtained from Enomoto Kogaku Seiki Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and Fuji Photo Optical Co., Ltd. established
1946	Apr.	Natural Color Photography Co., Ltd. (name changed to Fuji Color Photo Co., Ltd., in June 1953 and subsequently transformed into Fujicolor Service Co., Ltd.), established
1958	Aug.	Established Fuji Photo Film do Brasil Ltda. as a subsidiary in Brasil
1962	Feb.	Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd., established as joint venture with U.K.-based Rank Xerox Limited (currently Xerox Limited)

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1963	Oct.	Fujinomiya Factory established
1965	Apr.	Name of Fuji Color Photo Co., Ltd., changed to Fujicolor Service Co., Ltd., and marketing operations of Fuji Color Photo Co., Ltd., split off to establish Fujicolor Trading Co., Ltd.
	Dec.	Fuji Photo Film U.S.A., Inc. (currently FUJIFILM U.S.A., Inc.) established in New York State to comprehensively manage business in North America
1966	June	Fuji Photo Film (Europe) GmbH (currently FUJIFILM Europe GmbH) established in Düsseldorf to comprehensively manage business in Europe
1972	Dec.	Yoshida-Minami Factory established
1982	Aug.	Netherlands-based Fuji Photo Film B.V. (currently FUJIFILM Manufacturing Europe B.V.) established as the Fujifilm group's principal manufacturing company in Europe
1987	Mar.	Germany-based Fuji Magnetic GmbH (a recording media manufacturing company, currently FUJIFILM Recording Media GmbH) established
1988	July	U.S.-based Fuji Photo Film, Inc. (currently FUJIFILM Manufacturing U.S.A., Inc.) established in South Carolina as the Fujifilm group's principal manufacturing company in the United States
1993	Oct.	Acquired 51% of outstanding shares in Chiyoda Medical Co., Ltd.
1995	Oct.	FUJIFILM Imaging Systems (Suzhou) Co., Ltd., established in Suzhou, China
1996	June	Hong Kong-based Hong Kong Fuji Photo Logistics, Ltd. (currently FUJIFILM Hong Kong Limited), established
1997	Dec.	Acquired German-based Eurocolor Photofinishing GmbH & Co. KG

2001	Mar.	Acquired additional 25% of Fuji Xerox's outstanding shares, increasing the shareholding in that company to 75% and transforming that company into a consolidated subsidiary
	Oct.	U.S.-based Enovation Graphic Systems, Inc. (a graphic arts materials marketing company, currently FUJIFILM Graphic Systems U.S.A, Inc.), established
2003	Apr.	Acquired additional shares in Process Shizai Co., Ltd., (currently FUJIFILM Graphic Systems Co., Ltd.), transforming that company into a consolidated subsidiary
2004	Apr.	Chiyoda Medical Co., Ltd., merged into FUJIFILM MEDICAL CO., LTD.
	Apr.	FUJIFILM Battery Co., Ltd., merged into FUJIFILM AXIA Co., Ltd.
	Oct.	FUJIFILM IMAGING Co., Ltd., established. Fujicolor Imaging Service Co., Ltd., and FUJIFILM AXIA Co., Ltd., merged into the new company, which also took over the domestic marketing operations of four major photographic product distributors to unify the Fujifilm group's domestic imaging solutions marketing operations
	Nov.	Acquired microelectronic materials business of U.S.-based Arch Chemicals, Inc., along with 100% of shares in joint venture FUJIFILM ARCH Co., Ltd. (currently FUJIFILM Electronics Materials Co., Ltd.)
2005	Feb.	Acquired U.K.-based Sericol Group Limited (currently FUJIFILM Sericol Limited), a company with expanding operations in screen printing inks, packaging printing inks, and industrial-use inkjet printer inks
2006	Jan.	Transformed Sankio Chemical Co., Ltd. (currently FUJIFILM FINECHEMICALS CO., LTD.), into a wholly owned subsidiary
	Feb.	Acquired Avecia Inkjet Limited (currently FUJIFILM Imaging Colorants Limited)
	Apr.	FUJIFILM Advanced Research Laboratories established

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	July	Acquired U.S.-based industrial inkjet printhead manufacturer Dimatix, Inc. (currently FUJIFILM Dimatix, Inc.)
	Oct.	Fujifilm group shifted to a holding company structure centering on the holding company FUJIFILM Holdings Corporation, which controls both the group's two largest companies — FUJIFILM Corporation and Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.

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