

Bucyrus Timeline

- 1880 Bucyrus Foundry and Manufacturing Company forms in Bucyrus, Ohio.
- 1882 First railroad style (non-rotating) steam shovel is built.
- 1883 First foreign shipment to the French Panama Canal company.
- 1883 First dipper dredge is shipped.
- 1893 Move to South Milwaukee, WI and incorporates as the Bucyrus Steam Shovel and Dredge Company of Wisconsin
- 1894 First successful electric excavating machine produced, a placer dredge supplied near Bannock, Montana.
- 1895 Company reorganizes as The Bucyrus Company.
- 1904 Supply 77 of the 102 steam shovels used to dig the Panama Canal, through 1907. (Marion Power Shovel supplied another 24.)
- 1910 Enters dragline market through purchase of manufacturing rights for the Heyworth-Newman dragline excavator.
- 1911 The Bucyrus Co., Atlantic (Steam Shovel) Equipment Co, and Vulcan Steam Shovel Co. merge to form "Bucyrus Company", a public corporation.
- 1912 Model "Class 14" dragline introduced, the first crawler mounted dragline.
- 1921 Caterpillar style mounting first incorporated on a Bucyrus shovel.
- 1927 Consolidation with the Erie Steam Shovel Company to form Bucyrus-Erie.
- 1929 More than 10,000 Bucyrus shovels, cranes, draglines and dredges have been produced.
- 1930 Bucyrus and Ruston Hornsby merge to form Ruston-Bucyrus in England.
- 1930's Use of steam powered excavators superceded by electric drives.
- 1931 Bucyrus purchases minority interest in the Monighan (walking) Dragline Co.
- 1933 Enter the drill market through the acquisition of the manufacturing rights to the Armstrong Drill product line.
- 1934 Bucyrus-Monighan formed through purchase of a controlling interest in Monighan.
- 1935 Rope crowd first introduced on a stripping shovel.
- 1939 Bucyrus has produced over 320 dredges and 15,000 excavators.
- 1942 60% of the output goes directly to the government for the War effort, until 1945.
- 1943 Bucyrus-Armstrong drill line fully integrated into Bucyrus-Erie.
- 1946 Bucyrus Monighan fully integrated into Bucyrus-Erie.
- 1948 More than 74,000 Bucyrus machines have been produced.
- 1950 Rope crowd incorporated on all standard mining shovels.
- 1952 Bucyrus introduces its first Rotary Blasthole Drill the 50R.
- 1954 First Bucyrus Bucket Wheel Excavator produced.
- 1957 Due to dwindling market demand Bucyrus manufactured its final dredge. 336 dredges had been produced in the previous 74 years.
- 1958 71st piece of Bucyrus equipment shipped to the Chuquicamata Copper Mine in Chile.
- 1969 27,000,000 pound "Big Muskie" model 4250-W dragline starts operation.
- 1980 Bucyrus celebrates 100th Anniversary.
- 1980 Ruston-Bucyrus, Limited, a 50%-owned subsidiary celebrates 50th anniversary.
- 1981 1st 395B electric mining shovel commissioned with AC electric power system.
- 1981 Western Gear Corporation acquired.
- 1982 21 Bucyrus-Erie electric mining shovels and drills at work in Mauritania, 31 at work in Zambia.
- 1982 Twelve 60R drills shipped to Russia. Eight more to go in 1983.
- 1983 NASTRAN finite element computer structural analysis first used by Bucyrus.
- 1983 680W modular walking dragline with all AC drives introduced.
- 1983 47R blasthole drill introduced.
- 1983 First 400 foot boom introduced on 2570-W dragline.
- 1984 35R rotary blasthole drill introduced.
- 1984 Water well and oil well drill product lines sold to Buckeye Drill Co. of Zanesville, Ohio. Over 11,600 churn drills had been produced since 1933.
- 1985 Company name changed to Becor Western Inc. Mining machinery division continues under the Bucyrus-Erie name as a wholly owned subsidiary.

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- 1985 Bucyrus purchases Ruston-Bucyrus interest owned by the General Electric Company, p.l.c. Ruston-Bucyrus U.K construction machinery operation and facility sold to a team of senior Ruston-Bucyrus managers. The U.K. mining machinery operation was renamed Bucyrus Europe Limited.
- 1985 License agreement signed with the China National Non-Ferrous Metals Industry Corporation providing for manufacture of 195BI mining shovels at the Hengyang factory in Hunan province.
- 1985 Bucyrus becomes exclusive distributor of the Easi-Miner continuous mining machine manufactured by the Huron Manufacturing Corporation of Huron, South Dakota.
- 1985 Marion Power Shovel Co. purchased by Dresser Industries.
- 1985 Introduction of the 35R, 49R, 65R, and 67R blasthole drills.
- 1986 5872WX (wheel excavator) completed, the largest machine to ship from the South Milwaukee plant. 716' long and 270' tall.
- 1988 Becor-Western name reverted back to Bucyrus-Erie Company.
- 1988 Purchase of dragline assets of Ransomes & Rapier of England.
- 1988 Minserco, Inc. subsidiary created.
- 1988 BCW Acquisition Inc. acquires remainder of Becor Western through a leveraged buyout.
- 1989 2nd generation AC electrical system (GTO) introduced.
- 1990 Boonville Mining Services subsidiary created from Boonville, Indiana facility of C&M of Indiana.
- 1990 395BII and 495B AC shovels introduced.
- 1993 2570WS dragline introduced.
- 1994 295BIII AC shovel introduced.
- 1995 395BIII & 495BI shovels introduced.
- 1996 39R blasthole drill introduced to compete with existing lightweight hydraulic drills.
- 1996 Bucyrus-Erie name changed to Bucyrus International, Inc.
- 1997 Bucyrus acquires the Marion Power Shovel Company.
- 1997 Bucyrus acquired by American Industrial Partners Acquisition Co. (AIP).
- 1999 Bucyrus purchases Bennett & Emmott Ltd. of Canada to become Bucyrus Canada Ltd.
- 1999 595B shovel announced as a successful descendent of the acquired Marion 351M model.
- 1999 Coal India orders three model W2000 draglines.
- 2000 3rd generation AC electrical drives (IGBT) begins operation on a 495BI at Antamina in Peru.
- 2000 2570WS lot 2 commissioned, the largest operating dragline in the world.
- 2000 495BII 100-ton capacity shovel introduced.
- 2000 Tim Sullivan appointed President.
- 2000 Concept model 795B, 135-ton capacity knee action shovel, introduced at MINExpo 2000.
- 2002 495HR/HF shovel models introduced, incorporating best of product features from Marion and Bucyrus models, offering 110 - 120 ton single pass capabilities.
- 2002 Bucyrus sells 8200 dragline to BNI of North Dakota, USA. This is the first large dragline sold in the USA by any manufacturer in ten years.
- 2003 100th 49 series drill shipped.
- 2003 Bucyrus introduces new corporate newsletter, "Inside Scoop."
- 2004 First large dragline sold to China, a Model 8750 dragline with 117 cubic yard bucket (90 cu.m.). This is also the first dragline to be totally powered with a Siemens' AC static drive system and the first direct (gearless) drive system for the hoist and drag motions.
- 2004 Bucyrus purchases Contel Plus, a South African based service and equipment provider of electrical and machine control upgrade systems.
- 2004 July 23rd, Bucyrus becomes publicly traded company, "BUCY" on the NASDAQ stock exchange.
- 2004 Bucyrus opens up new online merchandise store at www.bucyrusstore.com.
- 2004 Bucyrus and union employees reach an early agreement to extend contract until 2010.
- 2005 Bucyrus celebrates 125th Anniversary.

