

Eugen Lägler has died

Eugen Lägler, the founder of Eugen Lägler GmbH, died on 1 December in Göglingen-Frauenzimmern at the age of 82. His inventions represent the state-of-the-art of technology today and at the same time are milestones in floor sanding technology. The Senior Head of this world market-leading company was glad to be called “Father of the HUMMEL” and was the great pioneer in floor sanding technology.

In 1956, Eugen Lägler took the brave step towards independence with his one-man show in his father's barn in Frauenzimmern. Small-scale piecework jobs provided a meagre subsistence in the early years. At an early stage he devoted himself to the development of floorsanding machines and in 1964 he presented his own range. With the ELF drumsander (ELF stands for the initial letters of “Eugen Lägler Frauenzimmern”), the foundation stone was laid for the product focus of the present-day company. In 1968, he was the first one to integrate belt sanding technology into a floor sanding machine and revolutionised the sanding of woodfloors. Because of its characteristic hum, he called the machine HUMMEL (bumble bee). The legendary HUMMEL is still the most sold floorsanding machine in the world today. Together with the RANDMEISTER edgesanding machine and an orbital-sanding machine, the first exports were made in the early 1970s to other European countries. Entry into the USA market already followed in 1975 and in 1980 the first Lägler machines were delivered to what was the Soviet Union at that time.

In 1984, Eugen Lägler presented his PROFIT drumsanding machine for the first time, for which he developed the first centrifugal sanding drum. Eugen Lägler was the first one who, in the middle of the '80s when the connection between wood dust and nasal mucous skin cancer became known, achieved a minimisation of the burden of dust in floorsanding machines in cooperation with well-known technical institutes.

After an apparently lengthy creative break, he succeeded in 1993 in reaching another milestone in floor sanding technology with the TRIO three disk sanding machine. The TRIO took the technical world by surprise with its extremely high sanding quality and sensor-monitored dust extraction. She was the first floorsanding machine in the world which was certified “holzstaubgeprüft” (below 0,2 mg/m³ dust, tested by the authorities).

As a practical man, who was a trained master-mechanic, he always considered inhouse production as the only way to maintain the highest quality level and constant improvement of both technology and application.

Eugen Lägler withdrew from the daily operational business in 1996 and handed over the management of the company to the second generation in 2000. The company is managed today by his son Karleugen Lägler.

The name Eugen Lägler is and remains synonymous with innovation and the highest quality. The Lägler brand is the number one address for floorsanders all over the world, thanks to the lifelong work of the company's founder.

He always associated with his base in Germany. Even at an advanced age, he initiated the expansion and extension of the main factory in his home town of Frauenzimmern in southern Germany, where everything began.