

# Corporate History

Since 1981, Orenco Systems, Inc., has researched, designed, and manufactured leading-edge onsite and decentralized wastewater treatment technologies. The company was founded in Oregon, USA, and grew out of a statewide crisis in the onsite industry.

Because of widespread failures in onsite systems during the 1970s, Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality halted new septic tank installations until hazards could be corrected and further failures prevented. In response, Douglas County (Oregon) invested in an ambitious program to clean up local problems and ensure the success of new systems. A group of engineers, soil scientists, and sanitarians investigated new wastewater technologies, designed and monitored demonstration projects, and then helped write new onsite rules for the state.

During this process, the group discovered that much of the equipment required to implement their innovative designs wasn't commercially available. In 1981, several of these engineers founded Orenco Systems to create the specialized hardware they needed.

Orenco now manufactures high-quality, technically elegant products, including watertight tanks, in-tank pumping and filtration systems, Prelos® Sewer collection systems, AdvanTex® secondary treatment systems, electrical controls, and DuraFiber® fiberglass buildings. Support services include training, technical support, plan reviews, start-ups, and O&M.

The company has become an industry leader, synonymous with excellence. Orenco employs about 400 people and has developed more than 330 points of distribution in North and Central America, Australasia, Europe, and Africa. Orenco's products have been installed in more than 70 countries and are manufactured at three locations in Oregon, USA.

The company has held numerous patents, and its research and technologies appear in countless publications, including standard wastewater textbooks. Orenco employees give live trainings and online presentations to thousands of people each year.

In 2024, Orenco Systems was acquired by Infiltrator Water Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc, a leading provider of innovative water management solutions in the stormwater and onsite wastewater industries.