

Orenco History and “Fast Facts”

Corporate History

Since 1981, Orenco Systems, Inc., has researched, designed, and manufactured leading-edge onsite and decentralized wastewater treatment technologies. The company 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.

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, they discovered that much of the equipment required to implement their innovative designs was not commercially available. Orenco was established in Douglas County to manufacture the specialized equipment that was needed.

Fast Facts

- Year established: 1981
- Number of employees: ~ 400
- Percentage of employees with engineering or science degrees: ~ 9%
(representing more than 650 years of water/wastewater experience)
- Points of distribution: ~ 330
- Size of corporate facilities: ~ 477,000 sq ft (44, 315 sq m) under roof
 - Sutherlin, Oregon: 150,000 sq ft (13,935 sq m) of facilities, 26-acre (10.5-ha) site
 - Winchester, Oregon: 137,000 sq ft (12,728 sq m) of facilities, 45-acre (18.2-ha) site
 - Wilbur, Oregon: 190,000 sq ft (17,652 sq m) of facilities, 4.5-acre (1.8-ha) site
- Life-to-date sales of flagship products:
 - ~ 250,000 filtering pump vaults
 - ~ 46,000 AdvanTex® units of all sizes
 - ~ 71,000 MVP digital-programmable control panels
 - ~ 39,000 VeriComm™ remote telemetry control panels for residential applications
 - ~ 3,450 TCOM™ remote telemetry control panels for commercial/municipal applications
- Number of Orenco liquid-only sewer systems in municipalities and communities: 613
- Number of countries where Orenco equipment is installed: > 70
- Number of patents: 12 (1 pending, 2 current, 9 expired)
- Number of individuals (customers and staff) participating in Orenco training sessions per year: > 5,000
- Number of trade shows Orenco staff participates in each year: ~ 45