



The entrance hall to WBT's headquarters in Essen houses a centuries-old lathe. WBT's CEO, Wolfgang B. Thörner, is a keen admirer of this decorative piece, which is still fully functional... —>

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300 B.C.: First illustration of a lathe

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—>...In its own nostalgic way, it embodies the virtues necessary to create top-quality connectors and jacks—precision and attention to detail. Today, of course, WBT manufactures its products on modern machines, most of which have been constructed in-house.



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1490: First lathe with tool holder created by Leonardo da Vinci

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1571: First lathe with feed mechanism created by Jacques Besson

1799: First screw cutting lathe made completely of metal by Henry Maudslay

1942: First cinch connectors from the Radio Corporation of America (RCA)

1985: First precision connectors from WBT

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2003: First nextgen connectors from WBT