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History

Jay V. Wilcox started Wilcox Electric in a small garage in 1931, and the tiny company eventually evolved over the years into a worldwide corporation that produced important electronic systems and components used to safely guide aircraft into and around airports today.

The company has since undergone several transformations, including buyouts. Here's a timeline provided by Thales ATM, Inc., the current owner of Wilcox;

the original 800A Glideslope RX, 806A VOR/LOC RX and the 807A VHF COMM TRANSCEIVER-all Wilcox innovations.

Our work with the FAA has resulted in our development of the DME 496, the DSB Doppler VOR Transmitter, the Solid State 585B VOR, the Model 412 ILS, the Mark I ILS the Category I, II, III ILS and the MLS to name a few.

Today we continue to be the world leader in nav aids and to be there for our customers to meet the demands of aviation-commercial and military, national and international.

Located in the heart of the United States, we began as Wilcox Electric; a small three-person radio communications firm, founded in 1931 by entrepreneur Jay V. Wilcox. In 1988, Wilcox was acquired by Thomson Corporation of America and our name was later changed to Airsys ATM Inc. Airsys ATM has become a 100% owned subsidiary of Thales S.A., formerly known as Thomson-CSF, and thus on June 21, 2001 our name was changed to Thales ATM Inc.