

Corporate History

Year	Month	Major events
1935	Dec	Establishment of Nihon Diesel Industries, Ltd. in Kawaguchi, Saitama, Japan for the purpose of producing diesel engines.
'36	Apr	Begins producing 2-cycle diesel engines under license from Krupp Junkers A.G. in Germany.
'42	Dec	The Company is renamed Kanega-Fuchi Diesel Co., Ltd.
'46	May	The Company is renamed Minsei Sangyo Co., Ltd.
'50	May	Receiving the capital of the automobile division of Minsei Sangyo Co., Ltd., the company is launched as Minsei Diesel Industries, Ltd.
'53	Dec	Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. acquires an equity stake in the company.
'55	Jun	Spins off the sales division and establishes Nissan-Minsei Diesel Sales Co., Ltd. as a general distributor in a fifty 50/50 joint venture with Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.
'60	Dec	The Company is renamed Nissan Diesel Motor Co., Ltd. and the general distributor, Nissan-Minsei Diesel Sales Co., Ltd. is also renamed Nissan Diesel Sales Co., Ltd.
'61	Sep	Changes the name of the company's products from Minsei to Nissan Diesel.
	Oct	The Company's shares are listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
'62	May	Ageo Plant begins operations.
'64	May	Contracts production of crane-carrier trucks to Yusoki Kogyo Co., Ltd.
	Dec	Opens a Tokyo office in the Kanda district of Chiyoda Ward.
'70	Oct	Establishes Nissan Diesel Casting Co., Ltd. (currently Konosu Plant) in Konosu, Saitama.
'72	Jan	Nissan Diesel Casting Co., Ltd. begins operations.
'73	Apr	Establishes UD Australia in a joint venture in Australia.
	May	Launches production of light-duty trucks under a production contract with Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.
'81	Feb	Establishes Columbia Motors Corp. in a joint venture in the Philippines.
	Apr	Gunma Plant begins operations.
'84	Feb	Establishes Nissan Diesel America, Inc. in Irving, Texas, U.S.A.
'85	Feb	Establishes Ghandhara Nissan Diesel Ltd. in a joint venture in Pakistan.
'86	May	Gunma Parts Center begins operations.
	Sep	Begins manufacturing transmissions at Gunma Plant.
'87	Feb	Transfers Kawaguchi Plant's production lines to Ageo and Gunma Plants.
	May	Establishes Nissan Diesel (Thailand) Co., Ltd. in a joint venture in Thailand.
	Oct	Begins manufacturing and marketing co-generation systems.
'88	Oct	Motegi Proving Ground begins operations.
'91	Sep	Establishes Nissan Diesel Philippines Co., Ltd. as a joint venture in the bus business in the Philippines.
	Oct	Nissan Diesel Casting Co., Ltd. is consolidated with Nissan Diesel.
'92	Oct	Hanyu Plant begins operations.
'95	Sep	Acquires an equity stake in The Auto Makers in South Africa.
'96	May	Establishes Hangzhou Dong Feng Nissan Diesel Motor Co., Ltd. in a joint venture in China.
	Aug	Establishes PT Astra Nissan Diesel Indonesia in a joint venture in Indonesia
'98	Apr	Ageo Natural Gas Station begins operations.
'99	Feb	Ageo Plant becomes the first heavy-duty truck manufacturing plant in Japan to acquire ISO 14001 certification.
	May	France's Renault S.A. acquires an equity stake in Nissan Diesel.
	Oct	Reorganizes and consolidates domestic dealers into a 16-company system throughout Japan.
	Oct	Transfers the medium-duty truck assembly line from Gunma Plant to Ageo Plant and builds a mixed production line for heavy-duty and medium-duty trucks.
2000	Jan	Takes over sales from Nissan Diesel Sales Co., Ltd. and consolidates the sales division.
'03	Mar	Implements an environmental management system in the product design and development process and acquires ISO 14001 certification.
	Jun	Implements a new sales support system, NEXT-CA, for sales personnel at all dealers throughout Japan.
	Oct	Establishes Nissan Light Truck Co., Ltd. in a joint venture with Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. for light-duty trucks.
'05	Aug	Shareholding in Dong Feng Nissan Diesel Motor Co., Ltd. increased to 50%.
'06	Feb	Crossnet Co., Ltd. established as a company specializing in used-vehicle business.
	Mar	AB Volvo becomes a major shareholder in the Company.
'07	Mar	Australia-based marketing company UD Trucks(Oceania)Pty Ltd. Acquired.
	July	Delisted from Tokyo Stock Exchange and becomes a private company.
'09	Jun	Establishes Nissan Diesel Trucks Co., Ltd. by the consolidation of 100% owned Domestic Sales companies.
	May	Establishes Nissan Diesel / Volvo Tokyo common Office by consolidating Nissan Diesel Trucks office and Volvo Nippon office.
'10	Feb	Changed the company name to UD Trucks Corporation.

