

Celebrating 100 years of innovation.

The United States Patent Office approves Arthur Pitney's patent for a postage meter.

Universal Stamping Machine Company is incorporated by Walter H. Bowes to sell canceling machines to the Post Office.

1920

March 15,
The US House of Representatives passes a bill authorizing mechanical stamps on first-class mail.

April 23,
The Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Company was founded. Arthur Pitney was the inventor and Walter Bowes the promoter.



September 01
The Post Office formally approved the Pitney Bowes postage meter for use throughout the United States Postal System. By 1922, both England and Canada had followed suit and approved the use of the Pitney Bowes postage meter.



1933

Significant innovation
Pitney Bowes creates a machine that can print various postage rates on both letters and parcels, an upgrade from previous version that only worked with letters.

1942

Innovating to support WWII war efforts



One year after WWII began, Pitney Bowes developed a device known as API, which gave continuous latitude and longitude readings for the first time in the history of navigation.

Women were nearly **40%** of the workforce in the Stamford, CT plant. By the end of 1946, nearly half of the men employed at Pitney Bowes were World War II veterans.

1950s



Keeping pace with business transactions
Pitney Bowes introduces the automatic mail-sorting machine.

1970s

Strength during the fax machine era
Pitney Bowes enters the fax machine market and by the 1980s, the company owns 45% of the market incorporate fax machines.

1971

Meeting client need for capital
The Pitney Bowes Credit Services Corporation is established to provide leasing of Pitney Bowes equipment to clients.

1981

Advancing from mechanical to electronic
Pitney Bowes unveils the Model 6500 electric meter, a commitment to updating offerings with the latest technology.

1996

Offering new ways to buy postage
A line of credit for postage allows clients to "mail now and pay later" – helping to improve their cash flow.

2002



Acquiring and leading in US presort market
Pitney Bowes completes the acquisition of PSI to become the largest presort mail company in the US.

2005



Pitney Bowes forms the Pitney Bowes Foundation
The Pitney Bowes Foundation focuses on literacy and education and deepens the community involvement of Pitney Bowes employees through volunteer grants and matching gifts.

2012

Going global with ecommerce marketplace offering
The Global Shipping Program enables US marketplace sellers to provide products to buyers outside of the country.

2015

Reaching anywhere to everywhere
Borderfree acquisition expands the company's commerce business with cross-border ecommerce solutions that help clients grow internationally.

2017



Growing the ecommerce business
Pitney Bowes acquires Newgistics, building its ecommerce fulfillment, delivery and return capabilities in the US.

2020

Celebrating a milestone
Innovations at Pitney Bowes will continue to drive success in commerce for all clients, all while remaining focused on our core value of doing the right thing the right way.



1929

Innovating for more capability
The introduction of a multi-denomination postage meter that allows metered mail service to apply to different weights and sizes of mail.

1939



Delivering new ways to send mail
Pitney Bowes unveils the "Mailomat" – a coin-operated postage meter and letter box.

1949



Introducing the desktop mail station
The company launches the first mass-market desktop mail station. Postage paid on metered mail reaches an all-time high of \$500M, or 36% of all USPS postal revenues.

1950

Demonstrating financial stability
Pitney Bowes is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

1961

Enabling high-volume mailing
A new mail inserter helps clients boost productivity, drive precision and decrease costs in large-volume mailing.

1968

Bar codes for retail
Pitney Bowes produces the first bar code equipment for retail use.



1978

Transferring funds electronically
The introduction of "Postage by Phone," allows companies to order postage via telephone and have their meters reset electronically.

1992

Integrated processing
A new age of integrated mail processing begins with the launch of the Paragon® system which automatically calculates and affixes postage based on weight and size.



1998

Delivering digital documents
The company branches into digital document delivery with the launch of its D3 software that enables message management via hard copy, web, email and fax.

2004

eBay and Pitney Bowes
eBay selects Pitney Bowes for its shipping label printing service.



2007

Expanding the software business
Pitney Bowes acquires MapInfo to build its software offerings of data quality, analytics and APIs across the full commerce continuum.



2016

Enabling complex-free commerce
The Pitney Bowes Commerce Cloud, a commerce enabler, provides access to solutions, analytics and APIs across the full commerce continuum.

Modernizing office shipping and mailing
Pitney Bowes launches the SendPro 300, the first multi-carrier office shipping solution in the US, based on Cloud technology.



2019

Wheeler Financial from Pitney Bowes
The Pitney Bowes Bank, Inc., Member FDIC

Leveraging financial expertise
Wheeler Financial, a subsidiary of the Pitney Bowes Bank, begins to provide equipment financing to small and medium businesses.

