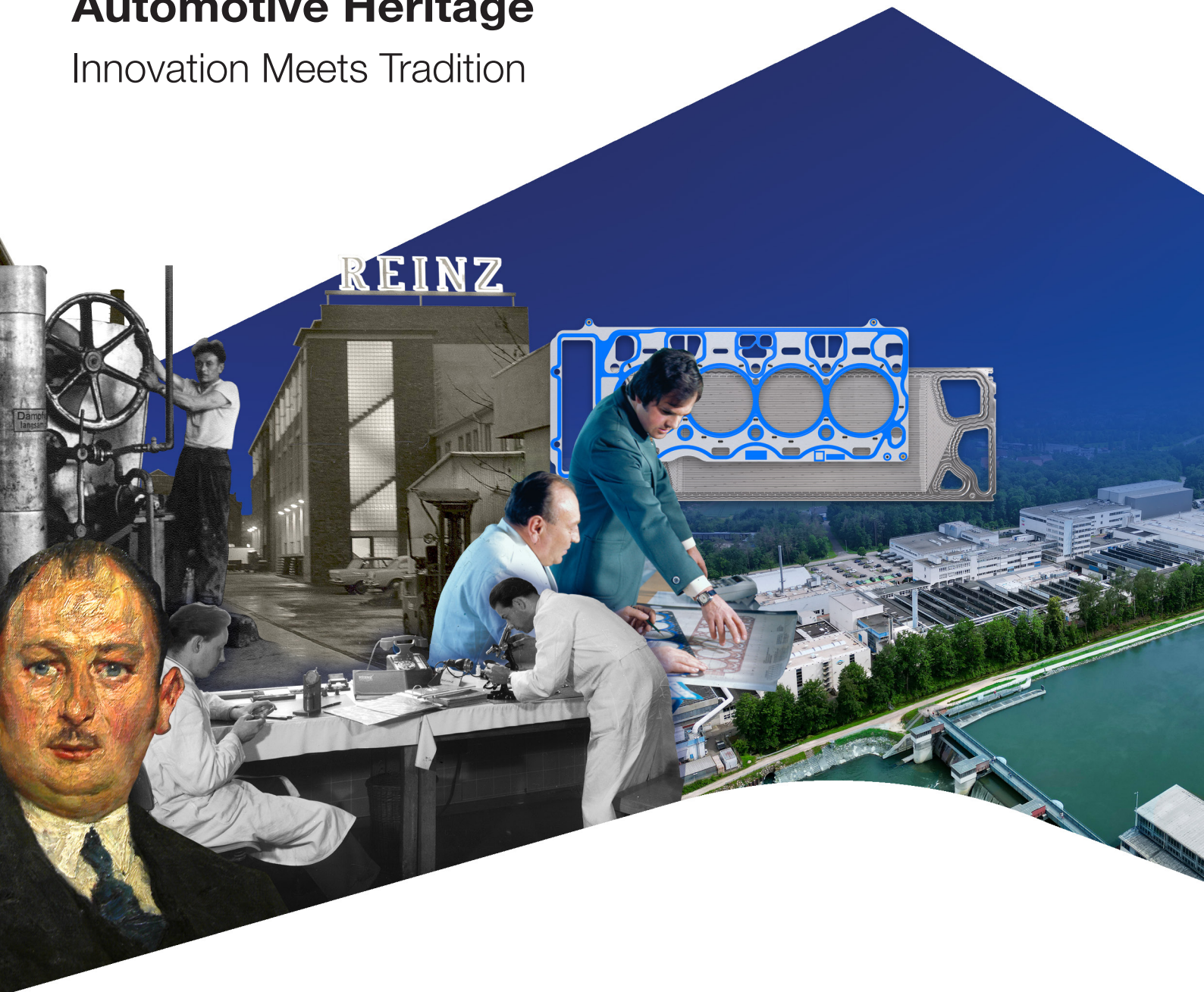




VICTOR REINZ™

A Chapter of German Automotive Heritage

Innovation Meets Tradition



For over 100 years, the name REINZ has symbolised innovation and highest quality in automotive sealing technology for original equipment, the independent aftermarket and industrial applications. The story begins in 1920 in Berlin-Charlottenburg with Hugo Reinz, who recognised the demand for reliable sealing solutions for the automotive industry and developed pioneering solutions. Today, Dana Neu-Ulm / REINZ is market leader in many product areas with a wide range of innovative products.

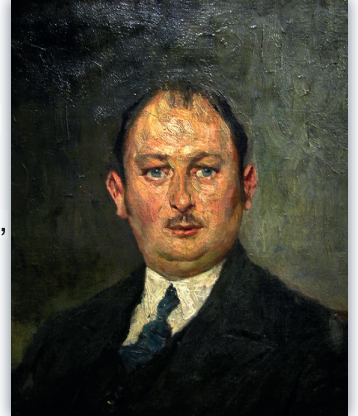


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1920 - 1936

From the Early Years to Market Leadership

The story begins in 1920 in Berlin-Charlottenburg, when Hugo Reinz founded a wholesale business for railway and industrial supplies in the middle of the global economic crisis. Hugo Reinz already showed foresight in the early years when he recognised the demands of engine manufacturers. The separation of engine block and cylinder head as well as the increasing performance requirements made reliable gaskets indispensable. From the first flat gaskets for static applications, made of oil-soaked paper, asbestos cardboard, rubber asbestos and asbestos fabric sheets, he achieved a breakthrough with the development of the REINZ-SPEZIAL fabric gasket, which revolutionised the automotive industry. From 1929, the gaskets were mass-produced in Berlin-Spandau and installed in vehicles throughout Europe. Thanks to this innovation, the company became the leading supplier to almost all European car manufacturers in the 1930s and an important partner in international motor racing. The granting of a patent in 1934 secures REINZ a leading market position, and by 1936 the company dominated the gasket business on the European continent.



1930er

REINZ and the International Racing World

The name REINZ has been closely associated with international motorsport since the 1930s. Legendary teams such as the Mercedes-Benz Silver Arrows and the Auto-Union rely on REINZ gaskets. Even today, REINZ is represented in series such as Formula 1 and other competitions - with sealing technology 'powered by Victor Reinz'.





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1936 - 1948



The End and New Beginnings

The end of the Second World War marked a turning point in the company's history. After the destruction of the production facilities in Berlin-Spandau and the death of founder Hugo Reinz in 1945, Rudolf Rzehulka took over the management of the company. With great commitment, he rebuilt the destroyed production facilities and moved the company headquarters to Neu-Ulm. As early as 1948, the first series gaskets were produced in the new plant and REINZ became the exclusive supplier for Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz.

1950

Post-War Innovations

In the 1950s, REINZ developed the REINZ-SUPER-SPEZIAL gasket, a new generation of gaskets that could barely meet the demand from the automotive industry. To avoid bottlenecks, the company set up its own weaving mill for steel wire gauze in Neu-Ulm. At the same time, REINZ built engine test benches and a research centre, which made scientifically sound developments possible for the first time. The combination of innovative technology and a strong spare parts business allowed the company to grow rapidly.



1993

Internationalisation and Becoming Part of Dana

In the 1970s, REINZ entered into partnerships and co-operations worldwide, with relationships ranging from the Eastern Bloc countries to India, Japan, and even the USA. At the end of the 1970s, sales exceeded the DM 100 million mark for the first time. 1993 marked a major change for the company: REINZ became part of the US-based Dana Corporation, one of the world's largest manufacturers of vehicle components. Dana's gasket division, with VICTOR in the USA and REINZ in Neu-Ulm, is now the world's largest manufacturer of flat gaskets. Under the new name VICTOR REINZ, the company revolutionised gasket technology, including the introduction of multi-layer steel gaskets (MLS), which are now considered the standard in the automotive industry.





1980 - 2021

Sustainable Innovations and New Markets

REINZ has proven its innovative strength over and over again. The company switched to asbestos-free materials as early as 1981. In the 1980s, thermal shielding parts were added, and in the 2000s REINZ tapped into plastics technology. This expansion from a component manufacturer to a system supplier significantly strengthened the company's position. In recent years, REINZ has developed numerous new products that have been honoured with prestigious awards. These include transmission control plates and an innovative sealing concept for transmission oil pumps, which won the PACE Award in 2017. In 2021, the company launched battery housing seals for high-voltage batteries on the market, which are particularly logistics and installation-friendly. REINZ has thereby positioned itself as a leading supplier for electric vehicles and battery housings.

1983 Asbestos-free soft materials based on synthetic fibres (AFM®)	1986 REINZ ReTec® for thermal and acoustic insulation	1993 Multi-layer steel (MLS) gaskets	2000 Modular valve cover systems	2001 Metallic Bipolar plates	2011 Transmission plates	2021 Commercial fuel cell stack technology	2025 Electrolyser technology

Today

Focus on Hydrogen Technology

With the start of Europe's largest series production of metallic bipolar plates for fuel cells in 2023, REINZ is underlining its claim to be a pioneer in emission-free hydrogen mobility. In 2025, the company will set another milestone: with new bipolar plates with an embossed flow field especially for electrolysers, REINZ is laying the foundation for the broad commercialisation of green hydrogen. From the first gaskets to state-of-the-art solutions for electro-mobility and hydrogen technology - REINZ remains an innovation leader and reliable partner to the automotive industry. With a strong tradition and pioneering technologies, the company is meeting the challenges of tomorrow's mobility.



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