

1984

Axis Communications was formally founded by Mikael Karlsson, Martin Gren and Keith Bloodworth. The year before, Martin Gren and Mikael Karlsson founded the company Gren & Karlsson Firmware.

1985

Axis first customer is Cardo, the Swedish sugar company. At this time the indirect sales model is established where Axis never bypasses its channels.

1987

First company to introduce a RISC processor with built-in IBM mainframe 3270 coax and AS/400 midrange 5250 compatible communications, the CGA-1.

1988

First company to introduce a pocket-sized IBM 3270 and 5250 protocol converter, the AX-7 Cobra and AX-3 Cobra.

Axis establishes an office in Boston, US.

1989

Support for printing using local area Networks over Ethernet using TCP/IP in the Axis AX-5.

1991

First company to introduce a multi-protocol print server with TCP/IP and NetWare. Axis establishes an office in Tokyo, Japan.

1992

Axis changes strategy and shifts all R&D focus from IBM mainframes to networking, with TCP/IP being the cornerstone. Axis begins selling through volume distribution.

Axis establishes an office in Hong Kong.

1993

Release of the ETRAX 1, the world's first 32-bit RISC processor with on-chip Ethernet and Token Ring controllers.

Award: Best Print Server – by Byte Magazine for the NPS 550 RISC.

First company to introduce a pocket-sized network print server, the NPS 530.

1994

Several awards for Axis' print products including PC Magazine Editors' Choice.



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Axis is a Swedish-based company, operating worldwide with offices in more than 20 countries and cooperating with partners in more than 70 countries. Founded in 1984, Axis is listed on the NASDAQ OMX Stockholm, under the ticker AXIS. For more information about Axis, please visit our website at www.axis.com.

1995

First company to introduce a file server independent, multi-protocol CD-ROM server, supporting TCP/IP (NFS) and Windows (SMB), for Ethernet networks, the AXIS 850. Axis establishes an office in Singapore.

1996

First company to introduce a network camera, the AXIS 200 Network Camera. Axis establishes offices in Paris, France, Taipei, Taiwan and in Shanghai, China.

1997

First company to offer a CD-ROM server with native support for NetWare Directory Services (NDS). Axis establishes an office in London, UK, and in Seoul, Korea.

1998

First company to introduce a Network Document Server that enables paper-based information to be easily scanned and sent by e-mail. Axis establishes offices in Munich, Germany and in Sydney, Australia.

1999

Introduction of the world's most popular network camera for five consecutive years, the AXIS 2100 Network Camera. Axis is the first company to use embedded Linux in a volume product.

2000

Award: International Award by Swedish security magazine Detektor for the AXIS 2120 Network Camera. Axis establishes offices in Madrid, Spain, Torino, Italy and in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

2001

Release of the chip ETRAX 100LX. Market research firm Frost & Sullivan recognizes Axis Communications as the leader in the global network camera and video server market.

2002

Axis switches focus again, this time focusing on professional network video.

2003

Product Achievement Award for Digital Video for the AXIS 2130 PTZ Network Camera, selected by a panel of the security industry during the SIA New Product Showcase at the ISC EXPO in Las Vegas.



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Axis receives the award “Best Places to Work” in Sweden in the category for Diversity.

2004

Axis stays ahead – IMS Research recognizes Axis as the clear market leader in the fast-growing EMEA network video market. Axis introduces MPEG-4 compression in its products.

2005

Frost & Sullivan ranks Axis as the definitive market leader in both the global network camera market and the global video server market. Introduction of the Axis 20x series – still the world’s smallest network cameras.

2006

Axis establishes new offices in Johannesburg, South Africa and in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

2007

More than 1,000,000 Axis network cameras are installed in security installations around the world.

Axis establishes a new office in Bangalore, India.

2008

Launch of a new product generation of network video products which are based on an in-house developed chip - ARTPEC-3 with H.264.

The global market research analyst IMS Research ranks Axis as the market leader in network video and in third place in the ranking of security cameras.

Axis establishes new offices in Moscow, Russia, São Paulo, Brazil and in Beijing, China.

2009

Axis celebrates 25 years in the network business. With great experiences from network products and working in network with partners, Axis is very well prepared for the future ahead in the professional security business.



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