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## The story of RUBA Thermoplast AG

- 1958** Founded as sole trader business, the first products were yoghurt caps, technical articles, as well as screw caps
- 1967** Transformation into limited company
- 1974** Removal to the new building in Zuzgen
- 1980** Extension of storehouse
- 1996** ISO 9001 Certification
- 2007** ISO 14001 Certification
- 2007** Construction of silo for raw material



### Celebration of the company

In the year 2008 RUBA Thermoplast AG celebrated its 50-th anniversary.

All screw caps produced in the beautiful small village named Zuzgen, situated in Swiss Jura, are exported all over the world.

A walk through the building leads us into two production halls, one with new injection molding machines, the

second is the moulds department, which maintains our moulds and manufactures technical items. The quality inspection is responsible for the high quality of all our products and thus very important. Our office is situated on the first floor.

## A visionary young man

Mr. **RU**dolf **BA**umgartner (1929-2003) and his wife Rita Baumgartner-Hediger founded in 1958 a company called RUBA Thermoplast AG.

He grew up in the canton of Uri, between Lake Lucerne and Saint Gotthard-pass, where he gained experience as an Engineer. He made his apprenticeship as mechanic in a company, that produced plastic parts. The young Rudolf learned with his more than average technical comprehension and started soon working in the engineering office. Rapidly he registered the great potential of the plastic industry, especially of injection moulding methods.



## An american graceful start

After having finished his studies of industrial engineering successfully Mr. Rudolf Baumgartner passed technical evening classes. He started soon searching for a property to rent, which he could modify into plastic fabrication. One of his friends found him a small family house in Rheinfelden, close to German border. It was the right time for Rudolf Baumgartner to get an injection moulding machine including mechanism for a mould construction to produce his very first

RUBA plastic parts. Needless to say, that Rudolf Baumgartner, at that moment a father of two children, continued his job at 80 km distance from his home. The demand for the high quality RUBA plastic parts, such as bowls and yoghurt-caps, increased this fast, that the acquisition of a new injection moulding machine was inevitable. Very soon the

production was only to handle thanks to his wife Rita Baumgartner-Hediger and an employee.

### Removal to Zuzgen

After a few years, the room for production in the basement of the house was at its limit. The research after land for the construction of a building was difficult and so they had to rent several storage rooms in the neighbourhood. Finally by chance, he had the possibility to buy an industrial property in Zuzgen. In 1974 he started with the construction of a new building and the development of production. Later, in 1992 the extension of the storage room was necessary.



### Development of a product

In the beginning 80th the demand for screw caps increased. Soon, several diameters of screw caps were available. Rudolf Baumgartner, aesthete and inventor, designed a new mould, that dislocated the injection point to the inside mould and allows a combination of inside moulds together with different varieties of outside forms. In the middle of the 90th the "Softline Deluxe" serie was placed on the market, in 2000 followed the "Softline Standard" serie. In

2005 the "Deluxe" serie was enlarged by the "Edgeline" and "Hardline" versions.

For a long time RUBA Thermoplast AG is known as a screw cap specialist. And the production of different plastic parts is continued.

### Change of generations

After the death of Rudolf Baumgartner in december 2003 the company RUBA Thermoplast AG was taken over by his four children. Mr. Jost Baumgartner became general manager. He started necessary renovations, bought new moulding machines, renovated and modified the buildings and optimised the data processing, etc.. The following step was the construction of a new silo for raw material in the year 2007.



### RUBA stays tuned

Regularly RUBA launches new products. Currently a new Flip Top Cap has been developed. The first of the moulds is now under construction. Thanks to the active technical department and to the innovative and efficient team of personnel RUBA Thermoplast AG can trustfully look forward into the future.