

Our History

From microfilm, to floppy disk, to CD, to PDF. We've transformed as a company to serve the changing needs of our customers and industry, and **we wouldn't be here without you.**

1959: IHS founded

IHS started as an information and analytics provider with a mission to provide insights that shape the business landscape.

1992: IHS launches CIS

The Construction Information Service started on microfilm, eventually evolving to an online tool providing regulations, standards, advice, and news to construction industries in the UK & Ireland.

2000: IHS launches the Standards Store

Evolving from microfilm to PDF, the retail store partners with over 400 SDOs, offering standards and technical info all in one online place.

2012: IHS acquires Goldfire

Goldfire began in 1990 as Invention Machine, which focused on structured innovation using AI-powered semantic research technology. Acquired in 2012, the tech behind Goldfire is now also used to power Engineering Workbench.

2016: IHS merges with Markit

IHS and Markit merged creating a global leader in information, analytics and solutions. Engineering & Product Design continued to serve users and respond to their needs through customer support and product development.

2021: IHS Markit launches Knowledge Workspace

Knowledge Workspace was launched to provide a new cutting edge platform for OHSIS, which includes occupational health and safety information from 500+ data sources to users in the UK & Ireland.

1990: IHS launches Parts Solutions

Parts Solutions began in 1990, developing into a robust set of technologies that were made stronger with acquisitions of PartMiner, PCN Alert, and Premier from 2007-2012.

1997: IHS acquires ESDU

ESDU originated as the Technical Department of the Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) in 1940, bringing together engineers from multiple industries to share and present their knowledge.

2005: IHS launches Haystack Gold

Developed starting in 1988 and merging with USA Information Systems Inc platform to become a standalone product in 2005, Haystack continues to develop and provide users access to critical US government and military data.

2015: IHS launches Knowledge Collections

Knowledge Collections hosts engineering and technical reference content, complementing the many standards collections we offer. Knowledge Collections is available through the Engineering Workbench platform.

2017: IHS Markit launches Engineering Workbench

Formerly Standards Expert, Engineering Workbench is a unique technology solution to a set of common engineering problems, powered by AI and standards management features like GetLink, Smart Compare, and Research Assistant.

2022: IHS Markit merges with S&P Global

Engineering & Product Design became Engineering Solutions, continuing to provide competitive technologies, standards and information, and world class customer service to all of our clients.

2023: S&P Global Engineering Solutions becomes Accuris

Now our own company, we have a renewed focus – to invest in our teams, our solutions, our customer experience, and our long-term opportunity to create and innovate. We couldn't be more excited to kick off this journey, there is so much more to come...