

## Anniversary

### One hundred and ten years for Dolph's

**Dolph's**, the longtime maker of conformal coatings, insulating varnishes, resins, epoxies, potting and encapsulating compounds for the electrical and electronics industries, is celebrating its 110th anniversary this year.

Named after founder John C. Dolph, the company launched in 1910 in the United States with the first-ever oil-based coatings for electronic application. This was the first, but not the only innovation that would cement the brand with the reputation it shares today.

In the 1930s, the company continued building its technological empire with inventions such as the first thermoset resin in the Synthite product range, pioneering air-drying processes that are still used.

Later in the '50s, Dolph's introduced Hi-Therm, a polyester-based phenolic varnish, alongside the epoxy-based Dolphon product range – both of which are still used today. A decade later, the brand's iconic spray can finish coating, called Dolph's Spray, was introduced. Further expansions into solvent-free resins and water-soluble paints followed.

Dolph's modern day outputs match the spirit of its earliest products, focusing on environmental sustainability and cost-effective efficiency.

The company made waves overseas in its early days, expanding into parts of Europe, Asia and Mexico; but it was the 2007 acquisition of Dolph's by Von Roll that propelled the brand into true international acclaim. In 2013, Von Roll also acquired Dolph's Italian brand, Albesiano, giving the company full control of the Dolph's brand. Dolph's is now sold in more than 100 countries, and has production sites in the U.S., Italy, France, China and India.

While the company was unable to celebrate due to Covid-19 restrictions, it is still looking forward to many years ahead with the same innovative spirit. New ventures include the e-mobility market, a potting resin with improved heat dissipation, and investment in new lab equipment to keep the research and development ball rolling. – *Selena Cotte* **EA**



—Von Roll/Dolph's image

*This advertisement image from the year 2000 playfully represents the quality-oriented brand image Dolph's has cultivated. In addition, the company cares much about innovation and environmental considerations.*



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