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# From a small subsidiary to a worldwide leader

Nexans EUROMOLD was able to grow from a small outpost of an American company located in Erembodegem, Belgium, to the international leader it is today by taking many important steps. Some products, projects, events and people were crucial in shaping our present.









# 400/430TB EUROMOLD connectors: changing the power accessories world forever

In 1991, 70% of what we produced at Nexans EUROMOLD were joints for the French market. The separable connectors made a small part of our sales, around 15%. We still sell as many joints to the French market as then, but the sales of the separable connectors have really exploded. Nexans EUROMOLD has truly become the market leader here.

Two models were important in the development of the separable connectors line: the 400TB was the very first interface C connector and the 430TB (now replaced with the 480TB) was the first compact separable connector. These two connectors changed the face of the medium-voltage equipment world.

## **History**





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### **Christophe Brackeniers**

PRODUCT MANAGER FOR EUROMOLD SEPARABLE CONNECTORS

"There have been many fantastic moments in my 30 years with this company. The job of product development engineer is one with many highs and many lows. And it is also a job that feels very personal. The lows are terrible: a test failing after many, many months of work; a product you were sure would be a commercial success, not selling at all. But if, after many setbacks, it all comes together, and the product is being produced and sold, the feeling of pride is overwhelming. As the proudest moment I want to share this photograph of Alex, Heilke and me holding 'Eve', the very first 200LR ever made after two years of work by a whole team (Sarah and Franky are not in the photograph but were very involved)."

# 1992 Competence Centre CC12

In 1992, EUROMOLD became Competence Centre CC12 for Cable Accessories within the Alcatel Cable Group (which later became Nexans).

The small, local engineering team was transformed in an ambitious R&D department. Men and women with diverse educational backgrounds and from different nationalities were hired. They wrote articles for international magazines and gave presentations at renowned institutes like SEE, IEE, Cired, etc. Some of these people still work at Nexans EUROMOLD. Some have left but most remember these years fondly.











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# **Guy Polet**PCABU OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

For Guy Polet, there were two important decisions which made EUROMOLD what it is today. "At the beginning of the 1990's, a new General Manager came in and said that we needed to extend the plant because we will double the sales in the 5 following years (between 1990 and 1995). And this happened! Another key moment was in 2003, when we decided to develop a new process suitable for Automation of the 430TB redesign-to-cost project."

Guy also thinks that "the separable connector product range is THE key moment in the history of EUROMOLD, with the development of a complete range of competitive products."

Guy Polet's proudest work-related moment happened in 2014. "The Nexans Euromold plant of Erembodegem was recognized and nominated several years in a row amongst the 5 best plants of Nexans, and even rewarded with the Competitiveness Award in 2014. Which has been accompanied by a real improvement of the Safety."



