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Year	Noteworthy Events	Major Products and Technologies
1946	Soichiro Honda establishes Honda Technical Research Institute	
1947	Honda's first product, the A-type bicycle engine, produced	
1948	Honda Motor Co., Ltd. incorporated (capital: ¥1 million, employees: 34)	
1949	<i>Dream D-type</i> , Honda's first motorcycle, produced	
1953	H-type engine, Honda's first power product, produced	
1957	Listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange	
1958	<i>Super Cub</i> motorcycle released	
1959	American Honda Motor Co., Inc. established (Honda's first overseas subsidiary)	
1960	Motorcycle production begins at Suzuka Factory Honda R&D Co., Ltd. established	
1961	Honda racing team sweeps first 5 places in Isle of Man TT Race (125cc, 250cc)	
1962	American Depository Receipts (ADRs) issued at market price. Adopts consolidated accounting using U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) standards Construction of Suzuka Circuit completed	
1963	Honda Benelux N.V. (Belgium) begins production of motorcycles (Honda's first overseas production. The first Japanese company to open a manufacturing facility in the EEC) Honda's first sports car ( <i>S500</i> ) and light truck ( <i>T360</i> ) released	
1964	Asian Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (Thailand) established Automobile production begins at Sayama Factory (presently Saitama Factory)	
1965	Thai Honda Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Bangkok) established Honda (U.K.) Limited established in London Honda wins its first F1 victory, in Mexico	
1967	Automobile production begins at Suzuka Factory Motorcycle production begins in Thailand	
1969	Canadian Honda Motor Ltd. established in Toronto (presently Honda Canada Inc.) Automobile and motorcycle production begins in Malaysia ( <i>N360</i> )	
1971	Honda Motor do Brazil Ltda. established in Sao Paulo (presently Honda South America Ltda.) Knockdown motorcycle production begins in Mexico	
1972	CVCC engine, world's first to comply with the U.S. Clean Air Act of 1975, released	
1973	Motorcycle production begins in the Philippines <i>Civic CVCC</i> introduced	
1974	Motorcycle production begins in Indonesia	
1975	Automobile production begins in Indonesia ( <i>TN Truck, Life, Civic</i> )	
1976	Kumamoto Factory begins operation Motorcycle production begins at Honda Italia Industriale S.p.A. Accord introduced	
1977	ADRs listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Consolidated financial disclosure begins	
1979	Quarterly financial disclosure begins Honda of America Mfg., Inc. begins motorcycle production (The first Japanese automaker to open a manufacturing facility in the U.S.) Listed on the London Stock Exchange	
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1982	Listed on the Zurich, Geneva and Basel stock exchanges	
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1984	Automobile production begins in Thailand ( <i>Accord</i> )	
1985	Listed on the Paris Stock Exchange Motorcycle engine production begins in the U.S. Motorcycle production begins in India Motorcycle engine production begins in Malaysia	
1986	Automobile production begins at Honda Canada Inc. ( <i>Accord</i> ) Motorcycle production begins in Spain Power product production begins in France	
1987	Cumulative motorcycle production reaches 50 million units, a world first	
1988	Automobile production begins in Mexico High-performance VTEC engine announced	

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1989	Common stock-to-ADR exchange ratio changed from 10 shares of common stock to 1 ADR, to 2 shares of common stock to 1 ADR. Second automobile plant in the U.S. begins production in East Liberty, Ohio Honda Motor Europe Ltd. (U.K.) established	
1991	Honda posts its 60th Grand Prix victory in the Brazil GP	
1992	Automobile production in the U.K. begins ( <i>Accord</i> ) Automobile production begins in the Philippines	
1994	Automobile production begins in Pakistan	
1995	Honda introduced first gasoline-powered vehicle to meet ULEV (Ultra Low Emission Vehicle) standards in California, the U.S. Cumulative automobile production reaches 30 million units	
1996	Motorcycle production begins in Turkey	
1997	Construction of Twin Ring Motegi completed (Tochigi Prefecture) Automobile production begins in Brazil ( <i>Civic</i> ) Automobile production begins in Turkey ( <i>Civic</i> ) Cumulative motorcycle production reaches 100 million units Motorcycle production begins in Vietnam Automobile production begins in India ( <i>City</i> )	
1998	The 50th anniversary of the founding of Honda	
1999	Automobile production begins at Guangzhou Honda Automobile Co., Ltd. in China ( <i>Accord</i> ) Fuel cell vehicle <i>FCX-V1</i> and <i>FCX-V2</i> announced	
2000	ASIMO humanoid robot announced	
2001	Motorcycle production begins at new production company in India Second automobile plant in the U.K. begins operations Minimum investment unit lowered to 100 shares, from 1,000 Honda Manufacturing of Alabama, LLC in the U.S. begins operations	
2002	Common stock-to-ADR exchange ratio changed from 2 shares of common stock to 1 ADR, to 1 share of common stock to 2 ADRs New automobile plant in Taiwan begins operations Honda <i>FCX</i> fuel cell vehicle first to receive certification for the commercial use in the U.S. Lease marketing started in Japan and the U.S.	
2003	New automobile plant in Malaysia begins operations New automobile plant in Indonesia begins operations Cumulative automobile production reaches 50 million units Honda FC STACK, a next-generation fuel cell stack capable of starting in sub-zero temperatures, announced	
2004	Honda Motor (China) Investment Co., Ltd. established Honda Motor RUS LLC (Russia) established Dongfeng Honda Automobile Co. Ltd. in China begins automobile production ( <i>CR-V</i> ) Honda enter cooperative agreement with General Electric to jointly market our independently developed HF118 jet engine	
2005	Cumulative motorcycle production reaches 150 million units Cumulative worldwide production of the <i>Super Cub</i> series reaches 50 million units	
2006	Honda Philippines begins mass production at new motorcycle plant Integrated three dealer channels into one Honda brand Cumulative production of power products reaches 70 million units Honda establishes subsidiary in Ukraine Implementation of two-for-one stock split for common shares Common stock-to-ADR exchange ratio changed from 0.5 share of common stock to one ADR, to one share of common stock to one ADR New automobile plant in Vietnam begins operations ( <i>Civic</i> ) Launched the <i>Gold Wing Airbag</i> , the first mass-market motorcycle with an airbag system Commercialized HondaJet operations and began accepting orders Resolved to implement quarterly dividends New company to conduct solar cell business established Flexible fuel vehicle introduced in Brazil ( <i>Civic FFV</i> , <i>Fit FFV</i> )	
2007	New plant of powertrain components in China begins operations	