

Keithley Instruments

Keithley Instruments, LLC



Type	Subsidiary of Tektronix
Industry	Electronic Test Equipment
Founded	Cleveland, Ohio (1946)
Founder	Joseph F. Keithley 
Headquarters	 Solon , Ohio USA
Area served	Worldwide
Key people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Bohn, General Manager• Joseph F. Keithley, Founder
Parent	Fortive Corporation
Website	www.tek.com/keithley

Keithley Instruments is a measurement and instrument company headquartered in [Solon, Ohio](#), that develops, manufactures, markets, and sells data acquisition products, as well as [complete systems](#) for high-volume production and assembly testing.

In September, 2010, the company agreed to sell itself to the [Danaher Corporation](#), a [Washington, D.C.](#)-based conglomerate, for \$21.60 per share. It was soon merged with [Tektronix, Inc](#), which had been acquired by Danaher in 2007^[1], and now exists wholly as a brand of Tektronix.



General

The company designs, develops, manufactures and markets electronic instruments and systems geared to the specialized needs of electronics manufacturers for production testing, process monitoring, product development, and research.

The company has approximately 500 products used to source, measure, connect, control or communicate direct current (DC), radio frequency (RF), or optical signals. Product offerings include integrated systems solutions^[buzzword], instruments, and personal computer (PC) plug-in boards that can be used as system components or as stand-alone solutions.^[buzzword]

The company's markets are engineers, technicians, and scientists in manufacturing, product development, and research functions.

Keithley operates throughout North America, Asia, and Europe. It develops new solutions^[buzzword] for the broader electronics industry, as well as electronic manufacturing production test, semiconductor, telecommunications/wireless and research/education.

Products

Keithley Instruments' major product lines included testing and measurement products such as [electrometers](#), [voltmeters](#), [signal generators](#), [data acquisition](#), and production and benchtop parametric testers and analyzers.

Historical highlights

- 1946 - Founded in [Cleveland, Ohio](#), U.S.A., by Joseph F. Keithley
- 1950 - First employee hired
 - John Yeager, the first employee, died January 10, 2018.
- 1964 - Moved headquarters to Solon, OH
- 1966 - German office opened
- 1967 - UK office opened
- 1991 - Joseph P. Keithley becomes chairman
- 1995 - Listed on [New York Stock Exchange](#)
- 1998 - [Taiwan](#) office opened
- 2000 - Korea office opened
- 2003 - Santa Rosa, California RF Design center opened (sold to [Agilent Technologies](#) 2009)
- 2005 - [Singapore](#) office opened
- 2009 - S600 Series parametric test product line discontinued
- 2010 - Agreed to sell itself to the [Danaher Corporation](#), many operations merged with [Tektronix](#)
- 2011 - Announcement that most manufacturing will shift from Ohio to China^[2]