



What does the Positech Corporation produce? Positech Corporation is based in Laurens and designs and manufactures material-handling equipment, primarily hydraulic and pneumatic industrial manipulators and custom tooling. We sell our products worldwide to Fortune 500 companies, as well as medium and small independent manufacturers.

Who is your president / CEO? Michael Olson

How has the company evolved through the years? Positech, which is short for "positioning technology," was founded in 1951 as Mefferd Industries, a manufacturer of hydraulic cylinders and manifolds. In 1977, Positech responded to the changing needs of the American manufacturing sector and began manufacturing and selling hydraulic powered manipulators. In 1989, Positech became a division of Columbus McKinnon Corporation, a major hoist and chain manufacturing company. American Handling Systems, Inc. purchased Positech in 2004.

How many employees do you have, and what roles do they fill? We have 63 employees. Jobs vary greatly from machinists, assemblers and welders to office positions ranging from administrative assistants to sales and marketing.

What are some of your company's accomplishments? Our largest accomplishment was a management buyout during January 2004. A small management group purchased Positech Corporation from its parent company, Columbus McKinnon.

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