

Our History

Established since 1875, today Brambles is a global business with more than 12,000 employees.

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Brambles takes its name from Walter Bramble, who arrived in Sydney, Australia with his English parents in 1858 when he was less than one year old

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At the age of 18, Walter established a butchering business. He was a "cut up and deliver" butcher, meaning he transported the meat to customers by boat or horse and cart. Two years later, he had saved enough to move his business to the rapidly growing port town of Newcastle. Walter gradually expanded the transport part of his business

1877

Walter Bramble establishes a butchery business in Newcastle, Australia – gradually expanding its transport and logistics operations



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W E Bramble & Sons Limited forms, delivering transport and logistics services, as well as automotive engineering and real estate investment

Post World War II, the Australian Government takes ownership of a collection of pallets and other transportation assets left in Australia by the US Army and, in 1946, introduces the name Commonwealth Handling Equipment Pool (CHEP).

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W E Bramble & Sons becomes a publicly-listed company and establishes a subsidiary operation at Port Kembla, Australia, providing

transport and industrial services for



Brambles enters the [pooling](#) solutions business, buying CHEP from the Australian Government. Brambles changes its name to Brambles Industries Limited and moves its head office from Newcastle to Sydney

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Brambles enters the waste disposal sector

Brambles reconfigures its business into principal divisions of industrial services, transport, materials handling and chemical/mechanical engineering

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Brambles forms CHEP UK as an 80:20 joint venture with Guest Keen & Nettlefold (GKN)

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CHEP enters continental Europe, initially in the Benelux region and France

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Brambles renames its waste disposal business Cleanaway

Brambles launches CHEP Germany

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Having established itself in Asia-Pacific, Europe, South Africa and Canada, Brambles launches CHEP USA

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Brambles makes its first overseas acquisition in records management, buying the Vault Company in Atlanta, USA

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Recall launches as the global records management business of Brambles

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Brambles merges with the support services arm of GKN and forms a dual-listed companies structure on the Australian and London stock exchanges, as Brambles Industries Limited and Brambles Industries plc respectively

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2005



Brambles announces it will streamline the group and focus on CHEP and Recall by divesting Cleanaway, Brambles Industrial Services and several other businesses

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Brambles

Brambles unifies its dual-listed companies structure. Brambles Limited becomes the holding company for CHEP and Recall, listed on the Australian Securities Exchange only



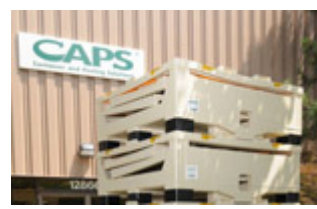
Brambles enters the aerospace container [pooling](#) segment with the acquisition of Unitpool

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2011



Brambles acquires IFCO Systems, the world's largest [RPC](#) business, combining it with CHEP's [RPC](#) operations, and announces a new segmental reporting structure based on the three Pooling Solutions categories of Pallets, [RPCs](#) and Containers, and Recall



Brambles acquires Container and Pooling Solutions (CAPS), a USA-based provider of [intermediate bulk containers](#)

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Brambles acquires aerospace [maintenance](#) and repair organisations JMI Aerospace and Driessen Services and formally launches CHEP Aerospace Solutions as an equipment [pooling](#) and repair service dedicated to servicing the [pooling](#) and [maintenance](#) requirements of the aviation industry



Brambles expands its Canadian pallet management and [pooling](#) operations through the acquisition of Paramount Pallet

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Brambles acquires [Pallecon](#), a leading provider of intermediate bulk container solutions in Europe and Asia-Pacific



Brambles demerges its Recall information management business, which becomes owned by Recall

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Holdings Limited, a separate company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and independent of the Brambles Group

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Brambles acquires Transpac, a German-based provider of pooled intermediate bulk container services



Brambles expands its specialist containers business through the acquisition of Ferguson Group, a leading provider of container solutions to the offshore oil and gas sector

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Brambles enters Chilean reusable plastic crate segment through acquisition of Rentapack

2015



Kegstar

Brambles acquires Kegstar, a specialist stainless steel keg [pooling](#) business primarily serving beer and cider markets.

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Brambles establishes BXB Digital to expand its capabilities in data analytics and develop innovative digital supply-chain solutions for its customers and the supply chains of the future.



Brambles combines its Oil & Gas container solutions businesses - Ferguson Group and CHEP Catalyst & Chemical Containers - with Hoover Container Solutions to create the independent joint venture company, Hoover Ferguson Group.

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Brambles divests LeanLogistics.

Brambles divests its Aerospace Solutions business.

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Dow Jones Sustainability World Index ranks Brambles as top performer in the Commercial Services and Supplies Industry.

Brambles divests its North American recycled **whitewood** pallets activities.

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Brambles divests its interest in the Hoover Ferguson Joint Venture.

IFCO

Brambles completes the sale of its IFCO reusable plastic containers (**RPC**) business.

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2020

Barron's

Brambles has received the highest score in the Dow Jones Barron's sustainability ranking, rated as the most sustainable company globally.



Kegstar

Brambles completes the Kegstar merger with MicroStar.

2021

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