



Canon is one of the most prolific inventors of consumer and professional imaging solutions. Whatever the product or service, Canon's emphasis on quality as well as original technologies has earned the trust of customers around the world.

A COMMITMENT TO INNOVATION

Canon's founding mission was to build a company that created high-quality cameras. Canon realized this dream in 1936 when it released the Hansa Canon, Japan's first 35mm focal-plane shutter camera. Since that time, the technological strengths have helped Canon to also become a leading digital imaging and networking company and a dominant force in personal printers, copiers, controllers and fax machines. Canon continues to develop innovative technologies as a means of bettering the world we live in - redefining the workplace and enhancing lifestyles.

Innovation has been key in Canon's success.

- Canon Inc. ranked #3 worldwide among all companies issued U.S. patents in 2021.
- For the last 36 years, Canon Inc. has maintained a top five ranking, with a total of 3,022 U.S. patents granted in 2021 alone.
- Canon research and development divisions in Japan and throughout the world are dedicated to developing custom products and solutions for customers worldwide.
- Canon Inc. has continued to invest a significant portion of net sales to research and development investment each year.