

INNOVATION & INSPIRATION

1977

George and Teddy Goldberg publish the first issue of SCAN Newsletter.



1978

First patented laser barcode verification unit, the Laserchek 2701, is introduced by Symbol Technologies.



1980

Earliest non-military application of RFID tags are employed; Identification Devices develops tags for the identification of farm animals.



1982

Symbol Technologies introduces the LS 7000, the first commercially successful handheld, moving-beam laser scanner.



1983

ANSI MH10.8M becomes the first national technical standard for three barcode symbologies: Code 39, Codabar, and Interleaved 2 of 5.

1990

PDF 417, Symbol Technologies' 2-D code, is introduced.



1992

Norman Joseph Woodland receives the National Medal of Technology and Innovation; UPS Code (later renamed MaxiCode) is developed for United Parcel Service.



1994

Intermec introduces the world's first hand-held omni-directional scanner.

1998

AIDC 100 Archives established at Stony Brook University; first use of RFID in passports.



2003

Wal-Mart announces plans to implement RFID tracking.



2004

U.S. Food & Drug Administration mandates the barcoding of pharmaceutical drugs; biometric technology used at the Olympic Summer Games in Athens, Greece.

2009

GS1, an international not-for-profit association dedicated to the development standards designed to improve supply-chain management, celebrates the 35th anniversary of the UPC.

