

INNOVATION

soundleisure : 30 years of jukebox innovation

Sound Leisure has become renowned within the Amusement Industry and latterly within the POS industry for Innovation, indeed the whole company ethos has been based on continuous Research and Development since its inception in 1978. The team of R&D engineers are backed up by a dedicated factory workforce who are all continually trying to move Sound Leisure products to the next stage.

In 2006 everyone at Sound Leisure Ltd was proud to be recognised as a major Innovator in its sector by the Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS). (A department of Trade and Industry initiative funded by Yorkshire forward and managed by YFM Business Development), by being asked to launch the "Inside Industry programme". The idea of the programme is to allow other manufacturing companies to witness best practice and learn how to achieve it themselves. The open day at Sound Leisure was run around "Innovation" and was a tremendous success with in excess of twenty Yorkshire manufacturing companies in attendance.

Below is a timeline that shows some of Sound Leisure's major developments.

Time line.

- 1978 Sound Leisure is formed
- 1979 first Back ground music launched (Tape player)
- 1980 launch of vinyl jukebox mechanism and first commercial jukebox (140 selection vinyl jukebox)
- 1984 launch of MK2 vinyl jukebox mechanism (200 selection vinyl jukebox)
- 1988 launch of CD Mechanism (series 3)
- 1988 demonstration of the worlds first digital jukebox system
- 1992 launch of CD Mechanism (series 4)
- 1995 Launch of Minijook 30 play budget mechanism.
- 1997 Launch of 21st Century mechanism. The simplest Jukebox cd changer in the world
- 1998 Satellite Jukebox - The Worlds first digital video jukebox. (Updated using satellite store and forward technology)
- 2000 Launch of video surfer technology -
- 2001 Launch of Sound Surfer digital audio jukebox - the first mass production digital jukebox. The machine that created the market we know now!
- 2003 launch of VVS technology in the Rackmount Back ground music system
- 2005 Launch of AV Combi technology
- 2006 Launch of AV Duo technology
- 2006 launch of milestones In Music (MIM) technology
- 2007 launch of milestones In Music Audio /Video (MIM AV)
- 2008 launch of trackdial which is a joint development with Soundnet that allows the user to select tracks from the jukebox using their mobile phone.