



Romandy – indispensable for Ryf AG

Ryf AG has been represented with a subsidiary in Commugny/VD since 2006. This has its good reasons:

The innovative family-run business based in Grenchen/SO is the Swiss market leader for microscopy and optical measurement, control and testing systems.

Competences that are in particular demand in the watch industry, medical technology and micromechanics. Many companies like this are traditionally located in the Arc Jurassien and the larger Geneva area. The development laboratories, research institutes and hospitals in Romandy also enjoy an excellent reputation. So it was obvious nearly twenty years ago to strengthen the presence in Romandy.

Commugny/VD subsidiary at a glance



Our recipe for success is simple to sum up: Consultation, sales and service by the expert team from the market leader, directly on site. For this purpose, we have an extensive «backup» at the head office in Grenchen/SO with other specialists, a creative development team and not least the comprehensive microscopy and accessories range of 20,000 items that is unique in Europe, which is immediately available. – **Take advantage of our structures, our highly specialised technical knowledge and the unique «team spirit» of Ryf AG.**

We make quality visible for you!



Ryf AG in an overview



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- **1965** Founding by Bernhard Ryf. Trade with microscopes and optical instruments, photography business.
- **1972** The first in-house developments in the field of lighting.
- **1984** A time span with continuous evolution and several changes in residence begins.
- **1994** Conversion into a public limited company.
- **1999** Daniel Ryf, today's managing director and owner, joins his parents' company.
- **2001** Ryf AG is awarded the Solothurn Entrepreneurial Award.
- **2003** The traditional «Löwenhaus» in the centre of the city of Grenchen is acquired and completely renovated with lots of heart. The new head office also has a large demo room.
- **2005** The market leader for optical measurement, control and testing systems celebrates 40 years.
- **2006** Foundation of the branch in Romandy in Commugny/VD.
- **2007** Ryf AG becomes the exclusive Swiss sales and service partner of Nikon AG for the industrial sector. At the same time, the ERP system from SAP is launched for optimal management of the roughly 20,000 deliverable items.
- **2009** Expansion of the range of services for maintenance and repair. Ryf AG becomes the largest after-sales service provider in the industry in Europe with 10 technicians.
- **2012** Acquisition of the table top electron scanning microscopes from JEOL/ Nikon for CH/FL.
- **2013** Zeiss regional representative NW and Romandy for routine microscope / life science and material microscopy.
- **2015** 50-year anniversary.
- **2016** ISO 9001-2015 SQS certification.
- **2018** Purchase of the «MASS16» building in Grenchen to keep expanding the warehouse and mechanical workshops.
- **2019** Successful re-certification of ISO 9001-2015 SQS.
- **2021** Founding of the subsidiary with demo room in Egg near Uster/ZH.
- **2022** Special microscopes are in demand: The new main pillar of «dental microscopes» is very well received among the medical community.
- **2023** Own CNC manufacturing (Ryf Prototec AG, Grenchen). In total, more than 10 CNC Machines (4-axis and 5-axis) are in use. Environmental certificate according to ISO 14001.



The company founders Bernhard and Hans Ryf have passed on the pursuit of continuous development to the next generation. Daniel Ryf, today's company owner, has been managing the company since 1999. Under his leadership, the family-owned company has definitely developed into the industry leader. One-third of the workforce operates in the after-sales sector. This nationally expanded maintenance and repair service with a total of ten employees is a key pillar of Ryf AG and in recent years has been crucial to growth and customer retention.

According to the principle «The best solution for you», over thirty employees at all three locations think and act independently, always focusing on long-term, technologically convincing solutions.

Ryf AG is an attractive training company and environmental aspects play a major role in their thoughts and actions. Evidence of this are a large PV system in Grenchen, electric vehicles for short distances and certification according to the environmental system ISO 14001.



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