



This year Microsoft Hardware is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Microsoft Hardware dates back to 1982, when the group was formed and charged with creating the company's first mouse compatible with Microsoft® Word.

The next year the Microsoft Hardware Group shipped its first mouse, enabling people to interact with their computer more efficiently than before. In the 25 years since, this experienced team of 200 — including ergonomists, usability experts, developers, marketers and industrial designers — has worked to create, develop and market breakthrough technologies that improve the way people interact with software and services, bringing them all together to create the best experience on the PC.

2007

Microsoft Corp. brings back the SideWinder™ line with the ultimate gaming mouse — the SideWinder Mouse.



2007

The LifeCam VX-7000 takes webcam design to new heights with a unique form that breaks the desktop webcam mold. The new Photo Swap feature also debuts, reinforcing the seamless integration with Windows Live™ and making LifeCams the best webcams for sharing.



2007

The Mobile Memory Mouse 8000 features a transceiver with 1 GB of built-in flash memory, which also provides a 2.4GHz wireless connection and recharges the mouse.



2007

Hardware shines the light on desktop design, creating the perfect companion for Windows Vista® with the Wireless Entertainment Desktop 8000 — the industry's first fully backlit, wireless, rechargeable desktop.



2006 Designed to fit a natural, relaxed hand posture, the first Natural™ mouse, Natural Wireless Laser Mouse 6000, debuts.



2006 Microsoft takes Internet communications to the next level with the launch of the LifeCam line of webcams and LifeChat™ headsets optimized for Windows Live Messenger.



2006 Microsoft sets a new standard in laser and optical technology with the launch of its High Definition mice, featuring improved responsiveness, greater precision and smoother tracking.



2005 Natural® Ergonomic Keyboard 4000 launches and becomes the best-selling wired keyboard in the U.S.



2004 Developed by Microsoft ergonomists, the Comfort Curve layout debuts, which is designed specifically to be extremely easy to use while encouraging natural hand and wrist position.



2004 Microsoft Hardware and designer Philippe Starck create Microsoft's first designer mouse, the Optical Mouse by S+ARCK.



2003 The scroll wheel is redesigned with Tilt Wheel technology for up-and-down and side-to-side scrolling.



2002 Microsoft continues to lead the desktop peripherals category, unveiling the world's first commercially available desktop for Bluetooth.



1999 Offering the first major advancement in mouse technology since the 1960s, Microsoft introduces the first optical mouse products.



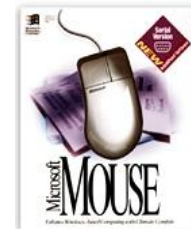
1995 The SideWinder line is launched with cutting-edge joysticks, steering wheels and gamepads.



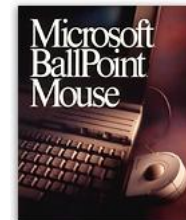
1994 Now a signature design for comfort, the Natural Keyboard debuts as Microsoft's first ergonomic keyboard.



1993 After nearly two years of research devoted to understanding the human hand, the first ergonomic mouse, Microsoft Mouse 2.0, is introduced.



1991 Microsoft's first notebook mouse, the Microsoft BallPoint Mouse for laptops, is announced.



1987 The plug-compatible and comfort-focused contoured Microsoft Mouse is announced, replacing all previous versions in the mouse line.



1985

The newly designed Microsoft Mouse 5.0, with higher resolution and near-silent operation, is unveiled.



1983

The Microsoft Mouse is born, and the software company ships its first PC-compatible mouse.



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