

Gigaset

Company profile

Gigaset Communications

Gigaset Communications GmbH is one of the world's largest manufacturers of cordless phones and the clear market leader in Europe for DECT phones. With its headquarters in Munich, the company develops, manufactures and distributes high-quality products under the brand Siemens Gigaset. Its portfolio includes fixed-network phones, Voice over IP devices, software solutions and home media products. The primary production site is in Bocholt, Germany, where the Gigaset products are manufactured under the most stringent quality and environmental standards.

Gigaset Communications, previously a telephone business of Siemens mobile, has had a strong influence on the development of cordless telephony since the beginning of the 1990s. This includes the DECT standard, which has now become established around the world, as well as functions that users now take for granted, such as the integrated answering machine, SMS text messages in the fixed network and handsfree use. The company was quick to integrate the data world in its products, initially on DECT and later on the basis of HomeRF. Among the important new developments of recent years is ECO DECT, which is now integrated in the entire product portfolio. As a result, Gigaset phones are particularly energy-efficient and low radiation. Gigaset Communications is also a leader in Internet (IP) telephony and IP services on user-friendly hybrid phones, which can be used both over the fixed network and via a LAN connection. The first certified phone embodying the new CAT-iq standard, the successor to DECT developed for IP telephony, was a Siemens Gigaset.

Independent product tests and reader surveys regularly confirm that Gigaset products are leaders in terms of quality, functionality and ease of use. Many of these phones have been awarded prizes for their timeless and elegant design, including the iF design award and the red dot award.

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Gigaset Communications has a presence around the world, with 1,800 employees working in some 70 countries. It manufactures most of the Gigaset products at its production facility in Bocholt, Germany, under the most stringent quality and environmental standards. In 2009 the Gigaset production site was awarded the distinction “Factory of the Year” by the German business publication “Produktion” and the management consultants A.T. Kearney in the category “Outstanding Change Management.” The company had already been certified in 2007 in accordance with DIN EN ISO 14001 for its excellent environmental management system. This TÜV certification – TÜV is a German technical services provider – stands for environmental friendliness in production and in the resulting products.

Gigaset Communications is now a majority holding (80.2 percent) of ARQUES Industries AG. 19.8 percent of the company is held by Siemens AG. The company’s management is made up of José Costa e Silva (CEO), Dr. Andreas Schleicher (CFO), Martin Streb (COO) and Dr. Uwe J. Dombrowski. Gigaset Communications GmbH is a licensee of the Siemens trademark.

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