

FROM FATHER TO SON – A TRADITION OF PROFESSIONAL DEDICATION

Timo (the father)

I started at Promeco in 1986, back when it was called Metallityö OY. Then, there were only 23 employees plus the owners. Now we have over 350 people working here, so it's pretty clear that a lot of good things have happened during my journey with Promeco. I was first hired to keep the place clean during the night shift. During the weekends I cleaned the whole place, side by side with the owner. Even back then we put strong emphasis on the idea that cleanliness and organization improves respect, safety and efficiency at any workplace.

During that time I sometimes also did electrical assembly work for an early Promeco client, ABB, and must have made about a thousand chokes. But I still kept doing my janitor job, including snow removal from the yard and roofs in the winter time – and keep in mind that back then we still had winters with snow sometimes as deep as 60 to 80 cm. Luckily, I had my son Petri helping me.

After this I took some technical courses to become a plate cutting machine operator, but even when I was doing production work I still kept doing my cleaning job – tidying the warehouses and repairing things. I also fabricated all kinds of useful parts for the factory, like finger covers and installation plates. I took real pride in often being the first at work in the morning, and the last to leave.

Petri (the son)

The first time I visited the Promeco factory in Kankaanpää was with my dad, when I was only 12 or 13 years old. I remember helping make metal lifting bar shoes even right at the beginning, plus other small chores with my dad, such as cleaning the yard and picking up trash. Pretty soon, I was even assisting with some assembly and wiring of electrical cabinets.

As I got a bit older I enrolled in technical school, and as a Promeco intern I was doing the electrical construction work as part of the expansion of the Promeco factory under Pasi Vanhatalos supervision.

After technical school and before going to the army I did some work for Promeco on electrical assemblies. After my army time I was back with Promeco – mainly doing assembly and wiring of electrical cabinets.

I then started studying at technical college, but after a couple months I lost interest. I went back to Kankaanpää Metallityö OY. I made electrical cabinets for trains and during the holidays I handled incoming orders.

I also helped my dad with the snow plowing of the yard during some winters.

After the assembly and wiring job, I was an inspector for a while.

When Promeco began providing full scale testing for Rolls Royce control systems I started my position as a full time technical inspector. As part of this role I have also been supporting classification surveyors during their approval process of checking that systems were designed according to requirements. Based on the experience I have gained over the years with varying classification associations, I was eventually certified to do classifications independently, without the presence of a surveyor. My work has given me the opportunity to meet great customers and ship owners from all over the world when they visit us to inspect the classification process of their own projects.

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Time with Promeco: 30 years/-25 years