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| INVENTION | YEAR | INVENTOR | COUNTRY |
| [**aerosol can**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/aerosol_can.htm) | 1926 | Erik Rotheim | Norway |
| [**air conditioning**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/air_conditioning.htm) | 1902 | Willis Haviland Carrier | US |
| [**airbag, automotive**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/airbag.htm) | 1952 | John Hetrick | US |
| [**airplane, engine-powered**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/airplane.htm) | 1903 | Wilbur & Orville Wright | US |
| [**airship**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/airship.htm) | 1852 | Henri Giffard | France |
| [**alphabet**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/alphabet.htm) | c. 1700–1500 BC | Semitic-speaking peoples | eastern coast of Mediterranean Sea |
| [**American Sign Language**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/sign_language.htm) | 1817 | Thomas H. Gallaudet | US |
| [**animation, motion-picture**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/stop_motion_animation.htm) | 1906 | J. Stuart Blackton | US |
| [**answering machine, telephone**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/answering_machine.htm) | 1898 | Valdemar Poulsen | Denmark |
| [**aspartame**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/aspartame.htm) | 1965 | James Schlatter | US |
| [**aspirin**](http://www.worldofmolecules.com/drugs/aspirin.htm) | 1897 | Felix Hoffmann (Bayer) | Germany |
| [**assembly line**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/assembly_line.htm) | 1913 | Henry Ford | US |
| [**astrolabe**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/astrolabe.htm) | c. 2nd century | — | — |
| [**AstroTurf**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/astroturf.htm) | 1965 | James M. Faria, Robert T. Wright | US |
| [**audiotape**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/audiotape.htm) | 1928 | Fritz Pfleumer | Germany |
| [**automated teller machine (ATM)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/automated_teller_machine.htm) | 1968 | Don Wetzel | US |
| [**automobile**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/automobile.htm) | 1889 | Gottlieb Daimler | Germany |
| [**baby food, prepared**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/baby_food.htm) | 1927 | Dorothy Gerber | US |
| [**bag, flat-bottomed paper**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/paper_bag.htm) | 1870 | Margaret Knight | US |
| [**Bakelite**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/bakelite.htm) | 1907 | Leo Hendrik Baekeland | US |
| [**ball bearing**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/ball_bearing.htm) | 1794 | Philip Vaughan | England |
| [**balloon, hot-air**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/hot_air_balloon.htm) | 1783 | Joseph & Étienne Montgolfier | France |
| [**bandage, adhesive**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/bandage.htm) | 1921 | Earle Dickson | US |
| [**bar code**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/bar_code.htm) | 1952 | Joseph Woodland | US |
| [**barbed wire**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/barbed_wire.htm) | 1874 | Joseph Glidden | US |
| [**barometer**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/barometer.htm) | 1643 | Evangelista Torricelli | Italy |
| [**battery, electric storage**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/battery.htm) | 1800 | Alessandro Volta | Italy |
| [**bicycle**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/bicycle.htm) | 1818 | Baron Karl de Drais de Sauerbrun | Germany |
| [**bifocal lens**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/bifocal.htm) | 1784 | Benjamin Franklin | US |
| [**blood bank**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/blood_bank.htm) | late 1930s | Charles Richard Drew | US |
| [**blow-dryer**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/blow_dryer.htm) | 1920 | Racine Universal Motor Co., Hamilton Beach Manufacturing Co. | US |
| [**bomb, atomic**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/atomic_bomb.htm) | 1945 | J. Robert Oppenheimer, et al. | US |
| [**bomb, thermonuclear (hydrogen)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/hydrogen_bomb.htm) | 1952 | Edward Teller, et al. | US |
| [**boomerang**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/boomerang.htm) | c. 15,000 years ago | Aboriginal peoples | Australia |
| [**Braille system**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/braille.htm) | 1824 | Louis Braille | France |
| [**brassiere (bra)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/brassiere.htm) | 1913 | Mary Phelps Jacob | US |
| [**bread, sliced (bread-slicing machine)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/sliced_bread.htm) | 1928 | Otto Frederick Rohwedder | US |
| [**button**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/button.htm) | c. 700 BC | Greeks, Etruscans | Greece, Italy |
| [**buttonhole**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/button.htm) | 13th century | — | Europe |
| [**calculator, electronic hand-held**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/calculator.htm) | 1967 | Jack S. Kilby | US |
| [**calculus**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/calculus.htm) | 1680s | Sir Isaac Newton and Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (invented separately) | England and Germany (respectively) |
| [**calendar, modern (Gregorian)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/calendar.htm) | 1582 | Pope Gregory XIII | Italy |
| [**camcorder**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/digital_camcorder.htm) | 1982 | Sony Corp. | Japan |
| [**camera, motion picture**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/movie_camera.htm) | 1891 | Thomas Alva Edison, William K.L. Dickson | US |
| [**camera, portable photographic**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/camera.htm) | 1888 | George Eastman | US |
| [**can, metal beverage**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/metal_can.htm) | 1933 | American Can Co. | US |
| [**can opener**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/can_opener.htm) | 1858 | Ezra J. Warner | US |
| [**candle**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/candle.htm) | c. 3000 BC | — | Egypt, Crete |
| [**canning, food**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/food_canning.htm) | 1809 | Nicolas Appert | France |
| [**carbon-14 dating**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/carbon_14_dating.htm) | 1946 | Willard F. Libby | US |
| [**cardboard, corrugated**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/cardboard.htm) | 1871 | Albert Jones | US |
| [**cards, playing**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/playing_cards.htm) | c. 10th century | — | China |
| [**cash register**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/cash_register.htm) | 1879 | James Ritty | US |
| [**cat litter**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/cat_litter.htm) | 1947 | Edward Lowe | US |
| [**catalog, mail-order**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/mail_order_catalog.htm) | 1872 | Aaron Montgomery Ward | US |
| [**cellophane**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/cellophane.htm) | 1911 | Jacques E. Brandenberger | Switzerland |
| [**celluloid**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/celluloid.htm) | 1869 | John Wesley Hyatt | US |
| [**cement, portland**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/cement.htm) | 1824 | Joseph Aspdin | England |
| [**cereal flakes, breakfast**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/breakfast_cereal.htm) | 1894 | John Harvey Kellogg | US |
| [**chewing gum (modern)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/chewing_gum.htm) | c. 1870 | Thomas Adams | US |
| [**chocolate**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/chocolate.htm) | c. 3rd–10th century | Maya, Aztecs | Central America, Mexico |
| [**chronometer**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/chronometer.htm) | 1762 | John Harrison | England |
| [**clock, pendulum**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/pendulum_clock.htm) | 1656 | Christiaan Huygens | The Netherlands |
| [**clock, quartz**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/quartz_clock.htm) | 1927 | Warren A. Marrison | Canada/US |
| [**cloning, animal**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/animal_cloning.htm) | 1970 | John B. Gurdon | UK |
| [**coffee, drip**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/drip_coffee.htm) | 1908 | Melitta Bentz | Germany |
| [**coffee, decaffeinated**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/decaffeination.htm) | 1905 | Ludwig Roselius | Germany |
| [**coins**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/coins.htm) | c. 650 BC | Lydians | Turkey |
| [**compact disc (CD)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/compact_disc.htm) | 1980 | Philips Electronics, Sony Corp. | The Netherlands, Japan |
| [**compass, magnetic**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/magnetic_compass.htm) | c. 12th century | — | China, Europe |
| [**computed tomography (CT scan, CAT scan)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/cat_scans.htm) | 1972 | Godfrey Hounsfield, Allan Cormack | UK, US |
| [**computer, electronic digital**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/computers.htm) | 1939 | John V. Atanasoff, Clifford E. Berry | US |
| [**computer, laptop**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/computers.htm) | 1983 | Radio Shack Corp. | US |
| [**computer, personal**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/computers.htm) | 1974 | MITS (Micro Instrumentation Telemetry Systems) | US |
| [**concrete, reinforced**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/reinforced_concrete.htm) | 1867 | Joseph Monier | France |
| [**contact lenses**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/contact_lenses.htm) | 1887 | Adolf Fick | Germany |
| [**contraceptives, oral**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/oral_contraceptive.htm) | early 1950s | Gregory Pincus, John Rock, Min Chueh Chang | US |
| [**corn, hybrid**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/sweet_corn.htm) | 1917 | Donald F. Jones | US |
| [**correction fluid, white**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/correction_fluid.htm) | 1951 | Bette Nesmith | US |
| [**cotton gin**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/cotton_gin.htm) | 1793 | Eli Whitney | US |
| [**coupon, grocery**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/coupon.htm) | 1894 | Asa Candler | US |
| [**crayons, children's wax**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/crayons.htm) | 1903 | Edwin Binney, C. Harold Smith | US |
| [**cream separator (dairy processing)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/cream_separator.htm) | 1878 | Carl Gustaf Patrik de Laval | Sweden |
| [**credit card**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/credit_card.htm) | 1950 | Frank McNamara, Ralph Schneider (Diners' Club) | US |
| [**crossword puzzles**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/crossword_puzzle.htm) | 1913 | Arthur Wynne | US |
| [**DDT**](http://www.worldofmolecules.com/pesticides/ddt.htm) | 1874 | Othmar Zeidler | Germany |
| [**defibrillator**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/defibrillators.htm) | 1952 | Paul M. Zoll | US |
| [**dentures**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/dentures.htm) | c. 700 BC | Etruscans | Italy |
| [**detector, metal**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/metal_detector.htm) | late 1920s | Gerhard Fisher | Germany/US |
| [**detector, home smoke**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/smoke_detector.htm) | 1969 | Randolph Smith, Kenneth House | US |
| [**diamond, artificial**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/synthetic_diamond.htm) | 1955 | General Electric Co. | US |
| [**diapers, disposable**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/disposable_diaper.htm) | 1950 | Marion Donovan | US |
| [**digital videodisc (DVD)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/dvd.htm) | 1995 | consortium of international electronics companies | Japan, US, The Netherlands |
| [**dishwasher**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/dishwasher.htm) | 1886 | Josephine Cochrane | US |
| [**DNA fingerprinting**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/dna_fingerprinting.htm) | 1984 | Alec Jeffreys | UK |
| [**doughnut (ring) or donut**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/doughnuts.htm) | 1847 | Hanson Crockett Gregory | US |
| [**door, revolving**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/revolving_door.htm) | 1888 | Theophilus von Kannel | US |
| [**drinking fountain**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/water_fountain.htm) | c. 1905–1912 | Luther Haws, Halsey W. Taylor (invented separately) | US |
| [**dry cleaning**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/dry_cleaning.htm) | 1855 | Jean Baptiste Jolly | France |
| [**dynamite**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/dynamite.htm) | 1867 | Alfred Nobel | Sweden |
| [**elastic, fabric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/elastic_fiber.htm) | c. 1830 | Thomas Hancock | UK |
| [**electric chair**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/electric_chair.htm) | 1888 | Harold P. Brown, Arthur E. Kennelly | US |
| [**electrocardiogram (ECG, EKG)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/electrocardiogram.htm) | 1903 | Willem Einthoven | The Netherlands |
| [**electroencephalogram (EEG)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/eeg.htm) | 1929 | Hans Berger | Germany |
| [**electronic mail (e-mail)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/email.htm) | 1971 | Ray Tomlinson | US |
| [**elevator, passenger**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/elevator.htm) | 1852 | Elisha Graves Otis | US |
| [**encyclopedia**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/encyclopedia.htm) | c. 4th century BC or 77 AD | Speusippus (compliation of Plato's teachings) or Pliny the Elder (comprehensive work) | Greece or Rome |
| [**engine, internal-combustion**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/engines.htm) | 1859 | Étienne Lenoir | France |
| [**engine, jet**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/jet_engine.htm) | 1930 | Sir Frank Whittle | UK |
| [**engine, liquid-fueled rocket**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/rocket_engine.htm) | 1926 | Robert H. Goddard | US |
| [**engine, steam**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/steam_engine.htm) | 1698 | Thomas Savery | England |
| [**escalator**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/escalator.htm) | 1891 | Jesse W. Reno | US |
| [**eyeglasses**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/eyeglasses.htm) | 1280s | Salvino degli Armati or Alessandro di Spina | Italy |
| [**facsimile (fax)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/fax.htm) | 1842 | Alexander Bain | Scotland |
| [**fiber optics**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/fiber_optics.htm) | 1955 | Narinder S. Kapany | India |
| [**fiberglass**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/fiberglass.htm) | 1938 | Owens Corning (corp.) | US |
| [**film, photographic**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/photographic_film.htm) | 1884 | George Eastman | US |
| [**flashlight, battery-operated portable**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/flashlight.htm) | 1899 | Conrad Hubert | Russia/US |
| [**flask, vacuum (Thermos)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/vacuum_flask.htm) | 1892 | Sir James Dewar | Scotland |
| [**food processor**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/food_processor.htm) | 1971 | Pierre Verdon | France |
| [**foods, freeze-dried**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/freeze_dried_foods.htm) | 1946 | Earl W. Flosdorf | US |
| [**foods, frozen**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/frozen_food.htm) | c. 1924 | Clarence Birdseye | US |
| [**Fresnel lens**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/fresnel_lens.htm) | 1820 | Augustin-Jean Fresnel | France |
| [**fuel cell**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/fuel_cell.htm) | 1839 | William R. Grove | UK |
| [**genetic engineering**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/genetic_engineering.htm) | 1973 | Stanley N. Cohen, Herbert W. Boyer | US |
| [**Geiger counter**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/geiger_counter.htm) | 1908 | Hans Geiger | Germany |
| [**glass**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/glass.htm) | c. 2500 BC | Egyptians or Phoenicians | Egypt or Lebanon |
| [**glass, safety**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/safety_glass.htm) | 1909 | Édouard Bénédictus | France |
| [**greeting card, Christmas**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/greeting_cards.htm) | 1843 | John Callcott Horsley | England |
| [**guillotine**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/guillotine.htm) | 1792 | Joseph-Ignace Guillotin | France |
| [**guitar, electric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/electric_guitar.htm) | 1941 | Les Paul | US |
| [**gunpowder**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/gunpowder.htm) | c. 10th century | — | China or Arabia |
| [**hanger, wire coat**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/clothes_hanger.htm) | 1903 | Albert J. Parkhouse | US |
| [**helicopter**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/helicopter.htm) | 1939 | Igor Sikorsky | Russia/US |
| [**holography**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/holography.htm) | 1948 | Dennis Gabor | Hungary |
| [**hypodermic syringe**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/hypodermic_syringe.htm) | 1853 | Charles Gabriel Pravaz | France |
| [**in vitro fertilization (IVF), human**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/in_vitro_fertilization.htm) | 1978 | Patrick Steptoe, Robert Edwards | UK |
| [**ink**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/ink.htm) | c. 2500 BC | — | Egypt, China |
| [**insulin, extraction and preparation of**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/insulin.htm) | 1921 | Sir Frederick Grant Banting, Charles H. Best | Canada |
| [**integrated circuit**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/integrated_circuit.htm) | 1958 | Jack S. Kilby | US |
| [**Internet**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/internet.htm) | 1969 | Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) at the Dept. of Defense | US |
| [**iron, electric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/electric_iron.htm) | 1882 | Henry W. Seely | US |
| [**irradiation, food**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/food_irradiation.htm) | 1905 | — | US/UK |
| [**jeans**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/jeans.htm) | 1873 | Levi Strauss, Jacob Davis | US |
| [**JELL-O (gelatin dessert)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/jello.htm) | 1897 | Pearle B. Wait | US |
| [**jukebox**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/jukebox.htm) | 1889 | Louis Glass | US |
| [**Kevlar**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/kevlar.htm) | 1965 | Stephanie Kwolek | US |
| [**Kool-Aid (fruit drink mix)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/kool_aid.htm) | 1927 | Edwin E. Perkins | US |
| [**laser**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/laser.htm) | 1958 | Gordon Gould and Charles Hard Townes, Arthur L. Schawlow (invented separately) | US |
| [**laundromat**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/laundromat.htm) | 1934 | J.F. Cantrell | US |
| [**lawn mower, gasoline-powered**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/lawnmower.htm) | c. 1940 | Leonard Goodall | US |
| [**Lego**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/lego.htm) | late 1940s | Ole Kirk Christiansen | Denmark |
| [**light bulb, incandescent**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/incandescent_light_bulb.htm) | 1879 | Thomas Alva Edison | US |
| [**light bulb, fluorescent**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/fluorescent_lamp.htm) | 1934 | Arthur Compton | US |
| [**light-emitting diode (LED)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/light_emitting_diode.htm) | 1962 | Nick Holonyak, Jr. | US |
| [**linoleum**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/linoleum.htm) | 1860 | Frederick Walton | UK |
| [**lipstick, tube**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/lipstick.htm) | 1915 | Maurice Levy | US |
| [**liquid crystal display (LCD)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/lcd.htm) | 1963 | George Heilmeier | US |
| [**lock and key**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/lock_and_key.htm) | c. 2000 BC | Assyrians | Mesopotamia |
| [**locomotive**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/locomotive.htm) | 1829 | George Stephenson | England |
| [**longbow**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/longbow.htm) | c. 1000 | — | Wales |
| [**loudspeaker**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/loudspeaker.htm) | 1924 | Chester W. Rice, Edward W. Kellogg | US |
| [**magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/mri.htm) | early 1970s | Raymond Damadian, Paul Lauterbur | US |
| [**margarine**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/margarine.htm) | 1869 | Hippolyte Mège-Mouriès | France |
| [**matches, friction**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/matches.htm) | 1827 | John Walker | England |
| [**metric system of measurement**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/metric_system.htm) | 1795 | French Academy of Sciences | France |
| [**microphone**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/microphone.htm) | 1878 | David E. Hughes | UK/US |
| [**microscope, compound optical**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/microscope.htm) | c. 1600 | Hans & Zacharias Jansen | The Netherlands |
| [**microscope, electron**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/electron_microscope.htm) | 1933 | Ernst Ruska | Germany |
| [**microwave oven**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/microwave_oven.htm) | 1945 | Percy L. Spencer | US |
| [**miniature golf**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/miniature_golf.htm) | c. 1930 | Garnet Carter | US |
| [**mirror, glass**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/mirror.htm) | c. 1200 | Venetians | Italy |
| [**missile, guided**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/rocket_engine.htm) | 1942 | Wernher von Braun | Germany |
| [**mobile home**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/mobile_homes.htm) | 1919 | Glenn H. Curtiss | US |
| [**money, paper**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/paper_money.htm) | late 900s | — | China |
| [**Monopoly (board game)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/monopoly_game.htm) | 1934 | Charles B. Darrow | US |
| [**Morse code**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/morse_code.htm) | 1838 | Samuel F.B. Morse | US |
| [**motor, electric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/electric_motors.htm) | 1834 | Thomas Davenport | US |
| [**motor, outboard**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/outboard_motor.htm) | 1907 | Ole Evinrude | Norway/US |
| [**motorcycle**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/motorcycle.htm) | 1885 | Gottlieb Daimler, Wilhelm Maybach | Germany |
| [**mouse, computer**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/computer_mouse.htm) | 1963–64 | Douglas Engelbart | US |
| [**Muzak**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/muzak.htm) | 1922 | George Owen Squier | US |
| [**nail, construction**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/nail.htm) | c. 3300 BC | Sumerians | Mesopotamia |
| [**necktie**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/necktie.htm) | 17th century | — | Croatia |
| [**neon lighting**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/neon_lamp.htm) | 1910 | Georges Claude | France |
| [**nuclear reactor**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/nuclear_reactor.htm) | 1942 | Enrico Fermi | US |
| [**nylon**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/nylon.htm) | 1937 | Wallace H. Carothers | US |
| [**oil lamp**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/oil_lamp.htm) | 1784 | Aimé Argand | Switzerland |
| [**oil well**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/oil_well.htm) | 1859 | Edwin Laurentine Drake | US |
| [**pacemaker, cardiac**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/pacemaker_cardiac.htm) | 1952 | Paul M. Zoll | US |
| [**paper**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/paper.htm) | c. 105 | Ts'ai Lun | China |
| [**paper clip**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/paper_clip.htm) | 1899 | Johan Vaaler | Norway |
| [**paper towel**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/paper_towel.htm) | 1931 | Arthur Scott | US |
| [**parachute, modern**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/parachute.htm) | 1797 | André-Jacques Garnerin | France |
| [**parking meter**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/parking_meter.htm) | 1932 | Carl C. Magee | US |
| [**particle accelerator**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/particle_accelerator.htm) | 1929 | Sir John Douglas Cockcroft, Ernest Thomas Sinton Walton | Ireland/UK |
| [**pasteurization**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/pasteurization.htm) | 1864 | Louis Pasteur | France |
| [**pen, ballpoint**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/ballpoint_pen.htm) | 1938 | Lazlo Biro | Hungary |
| [**pencil**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/pencil.htm) | 1565 | Conrad Gesner | Switzerland |
| [**periodic table**](http://www.worldofmolecules.com/elements/Periodic_table.htm) | 1871 | Dmitry Ivanovich Mendeleyev | Russia |
| [**personal watercraft, motorized**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/personal_watercraft.htm) | 1968 | Bombardier, Inc. | Canada |
| [**petroleum jelly**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/petroleum_jelly.htm) | 1870s | Robert Chesebrough | US |
| [**phonograph**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/phonogaph.htm) | 1877 | Thomas Alva Edison | US |
| [**photocopying (xerography)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/photocopying.htm) | 1937 | Chester F. Carlson | US |
| [**photography**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/photography.htm) | 1837 | Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre | France |
| [**photography, instant**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/instant_photography.htm) | 1947 | Edwin Herbert Land | US |
| [**Play-Doh**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/play_doh.htm) | 1956 | Noah W. & Joseph S. McVicker | US |
| [**plow, steel**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/steel_plow.htm) | 1836 | John Deere | US |
| [**pocket watch**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/pocket_watch.htm) | c. 1500 | Peter Henlein | Germany |
| [**polyethylene**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/polyethylene.htm) | 1935 | Eric Fawcett, Reginald Gibson | UK |
| [**polygraph (lie detector)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/polygraph.htm) | 1921 | John A. Larson | US |
| [**polyvinyl chloride (PVC)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/polyvinyl_chloride.htm) | 1872 | Eugen Baumann | Germany |
| [**Post-it Notes**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/post_it_note.htm) | mid-1970s | Arthur Fry (3M) | US |
| [**potato chips**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/potato_chips.htm) | 1853 | George Crum | US |
| [**printing press, movable type**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/printing_press.htm) | c. 1450 | Johannes Gutenberg | Germany |
| [**Prozac**](http://www.worldofmolecules.com/drugs/prozac.htm) | 1972 | Ray W. Fuller, Bryan B. Molloy, David T. Wong | US |
| [**radar**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/radar.htm) | c. 1904 | Christian Hülsmeyer | Germany |
| [**radio**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/radio.htm) | 1896 | Guglielmo Marconi | Italy |
| [**radio, car**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/car_audio_systems.htm) | early 1920s | William P. Lear | US |
| [**rayon**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/rayon.htm) | 1884 | Louis-Marie-Hilaire Bernigaud, count of Chardonnet | France |
| [**razor, electric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/electric_razor.htm) | 1928 | Jacob Schick | US |
| [**razor, safety**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/safety_razor.htm) | c. 1900 | King Camp Gillette | US |
| [**reaper, mechanical**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/mechanical_reaper.htm) | 1831 | Cyrus Hall McCormick | US |
| [**record, long-playing (LP)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/long_play_records.htm) | 1948 | Peter Carl Goldmark | US |
| [**refrigerator**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/refrigerator.htm) | 1842 | John Gorrie | US |
| [**remote control, television**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/remote_control.htm) | 1950 | Robert Adler | US |
| [**respirator**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/respirator.htm) | c. 1955 | Forrest M. Bird | US |
| [**revolver**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/revolver.htm) | 1835–36 | Samuel Colt | US |
| [**Richter scale**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/richter_scale.htm) | 1935 | Charles Francis Richter, Beno Gutenberg | US |
| [**roller coaster**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/roller_coaster.htm) | 1884 | LeMarcus A. Thompson | US |
| [**rubber, vulcanized**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/rubber.htm) | 1839 | Charles Goodyear | US |
| [**rubber band**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/rubber_band.htm) | 1845 | Stephen Perry | UK |
| [**saccharin**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/saccharin.htm) | 1879 | Ira Remsen, Constantin Fahlberg | US, Germany |
| [**saddle (riding)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/riding_saddle.htm) | c. 200 BC | — | China |
| [**safety pin**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/safety_pin.htm) | 1849 | Walter Hunt | US |
| [**satellite, successful artificial earth**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/space_satellites.htm) | 1957 | Sergey Korolyov, et al. | USSR |
| [**satellite, communications**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/communication_satellite.htm) | 1960 | John Robinson Pierce | US |
| [**saxophone**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/saxophone.htm) | 1846 | Antoine-Joseph Sax | Belgium |
| [**Scotch tape**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/scotch_tape.htm) | 1930 | Richard Drew (3M) | US |
| [**scuba gear**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/scuba_gear.htm) | 1943 | Jacques Cousteau, Émile Gagnan | France |
| [**seat belt, automotive shoulder**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/seat_belt.htm) | 1959 | Nils Bohlin (Volvo) | Sweden |
| [**sewing machine**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/sewing_machine.htm) | 1841 | Barthélemy Thimonnier | France |
| [**shoelaces**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/shoelaces.htm) | 1790 | — | England |
| [**silicone**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/silicone.htm) | 1904 | Frederic Stanley Kipping | UK |
| [**skateboard**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/skateboard.htm) | 1958 | Bill & Mark Richards | US |
| [**skates, ice**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/ice_skate.htm) | 1000 BC | — | Scandinavia |
| [**skates, roller**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/roller_skates.htm) | 1760s | Joseph Merlin | Belgium |
| [**ski, snow**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/snow_ski.htm) | c. 2000–3000 BC | — | Sweden, Finland, Norway |
| [**skyscraper, steel-frame**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/skyscrapers.htm) | 1884 | William Le Baron Jenney | US |
| [**slot machine**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/slot_machine.htm) | 1890s | Charles Fey | US |
| [**snowmobile**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/snowmobile.htm) | 1922 | Joseph-Armand Bombardier | Canada |
| [**soap**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/soap.htm) | 600 BC | Phoenicians | Lebanon |
| [**soft drinks, carbonated**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/soft_drinks.htm) | 1772 | Joseph Priestley | UK |
| [**sonar**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/sonar.htm) | 1915 | Paul Langevin | France |
| [**stamps, postage**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/postage_stamp.htm) | 1840 | Sir Rowland Hill | UK |
| [**stapler**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/stapler.htm) | 1866 | George W. McGill | US |
| [**steamboat, successful**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/steam_boat.htm) | 1807 | Robert Fulton | US |
| [**steel, mass-production**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/steel.htm) | 1856 | Henry Bessemer | UK |
| [**steel, stainless**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/steel.htm) | 1914 | Harry Brearley | UK |
| [**stereo, personal**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/personal_stereo.htm) | 1979 | Sony Corp. | Japan |
| [**stereophonic sound recording**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/stereophonic_sound_recording.htm) | 1931 | Alan Dower Blumlein | UK |
| [**stethoscope**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/stethoscope.htm) | 1819 | René-Théophile-Hyacinthe Laënnec | France |
| [**stock ticker**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/stock_ticker.htm) | 1867 | Edward A. Calahan | US |
| [**stove, electric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/electric_stove.htm) | 1896 | William Hadaway | US |
| [**stove, gas**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/gas_stove.htm) | 1826 | James Sharp | UK |
| [**straw, drinking**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/drinking_straw.htm) | 1888 | Marvin Stone | US |
| [**submarine**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/submarine.htm) | 1620 | Cornelis Drebbel | The Netherlands |
| [**sunglasses**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/sunglasses.htm) | 1752 | James Ayscough | UK |
| [**sunscreen**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/sunscreen.htm) | 1944 | Benjamin Green | US |
| [**supermarket**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/supermarket.htm) | 1930 | Michael Cullen | US |
| [**synthesizer, music**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/music_synthesizer.htm) | 1955 | Harry Olson, Herbert Belar | US |
| [**synthetic skin**](http://www.discoveriesinmedicine.com/Apg-Ban/Artificial-Skin.html) | 1981 | Ioannis V. Yannas, John F. Burke | US |
| [**tank, military**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/military_tank.htm) | 1915 | Admiralty Landships Committee | UK |
| [**tea bag**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/tea_bag.htm) | early 1900s | Thomas Sullivan | US |
| [**teddy bear**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/teddy_bear.htm) | 1902 | Morris Michtom | US |
| [**Teflon**](http://www.worldofmolecules.com/materials/teflon.htm) | 1938 | Roy Plunkett | US |
| [**telegraph**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/telegraph.htm) | 1832–35 | Samuel F.B. Morse | US |
| [**telephone, wired-line**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/telephone.htm) | 1876 | Alexander Graham Bell | Scotland/Canada/US |
| [**telephone, mobile**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/telephone.htm) | 1946 | Bell Laboratories | US |
| [**telescope, optical**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/telescope.htm) | 1608 | Hans Lippershey | The Netherlands |
| [**television**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/television.htm) | 1923, 1927 | Vladimir Kosma Zworykin, Philo Taylor Farnsworth | Russia/US, US |
| [**thermometer**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/thermometer.htm) | 1592 | Galileo | Italy |
| [**thermostat**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/thermostat.htm) | 1830 | Andrew Ure | UK |
| [**threshing machine**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/threshing_machine.htm) | 1778 | Andrew Meikle | Scotland |
| [**tire, pneumatic**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/tire.htm) | 1888 | John Boyd Dunlop | UK |
| [**tissue, disposable facial**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/facial_tissue.htm) | 1924 | Kimberly-Clark Co. | US |
| [**tissue, toilet**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/toilet_paper.htm) | 1857 | Joseph Gayetty | US |
| [**toaster, electric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/toaster.htm) | 1893 | Crompton Co. | UK |
| [**toilet, flush**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/flush_toilet.htm) | c. 1591 | Sir John Harington | England |
| [**toothbrush**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/toothbrush.htm) | 1498 | — | China |
| [**tractor**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/tractor.htm) | 1892 | John Froehlich | US |
| [**traffic lights, automatic**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/traffic_lights.htm) | 1923 | Garrett A. Morgan | US |
| [**transistor**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/transistor.htm) | 1947 | John Bardeen, Walter H. Brattain, William B. Shockley | US |
| [**typewriter**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/typewriter.htm) | 1868 | Christopher Latham Sholes | US |
| [**ultrasound imaging, obstetric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/ultrasound.htm) | 1958 | Ian Donald | UK |
| [**vaccination**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/vaccination.htm) | 1796 | Edward Jenner | England |
| [**vacuum cleaner, electric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/vacuum_cleaner.htm) | 1901 | Herbert Cecil Booth | UK |
| [**Velcro**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/velcro.htm) | 1948 | George de Mestral | Switzerland |
| [**vending machine**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/vending_machine.htm) | c. 100–200 BC | — | Egypt |
| [**Viagra**](http://www.worldofmolecules.com/drugs/viagra.htm) | 1997 | Pfizer Inc. | US |
| [**video games**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/video_games.htm) | 1972 | Nolan Bushnell | US |
| [**videocassette recorder**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/videocasette_recorder.htm) | 1969 | Sony Corp. | Japan |
| [**videotape**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/videotape.htm) | 1950s | Charles Ginsburg | US |
| [**virtual reality**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/virtual_reality.htm) | 1989 | Jaron Lanier | US |
| [**vision correction, laser**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/vision_laser_surgery.htm) | 1987 | Stephen Trokel | US |
| [**washing machine, electric**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/washing_machine.htm) | 1907 | Alva J. Fisher | US |
| [**wheel**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/wheel.htm) | about 3500 BC | proto-Aryan people or Sumerians | Russia/Kazakhstan or Mesopotamia |
| [**wheelbarrow**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/wheelbarrow.htm) | 1st century BC | — | China |
| [**wheelchair**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/wheelchair.htm) | 1590s | — | Spain |
| [**windmill**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/windmill.htm) | 644 | — | Persia |
| [**wine**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/wine.htm) | before 4000 BC | — | Middle East |
| [**World Wide Web**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/www.htm) | 1989 | Tim Berners-Lee | UK |
| [**wristwatch, digital**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/digital_watch.htm) | 1970 | John M. Bergey | US |
| [**X-ray imaging**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/x_ray_imaging.htm) | 1895 | Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen | Germany |
| [**Zamboni (ice resurfacing machine)**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/ice_resurfacer.htm) | 1949 | Frank J. Zamboni | US |
| [**zipper**](http://www.edinformatics.com/inventions_inventors/zipper.htm) | 1893 | Whitcomb L. Judson | US |