

# Key history of British Petroleum and the Rockefeller Empire, Standard Oil

## Key Dates:

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- 1889:** Rockefeller's Standard Oil Trust establishes the Standard Oil Company (Indiana).
- 1892:** The Standard Oil Trust is liquidated; Standard Oil (Indiana) becomes a subsidiary of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey).
- 1911:** The government orders Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) to relinquish control of its subsidiaries; Standard Oil (Indiana) becomes an independent company.
- 1929:** Standard (Indiana) and five other Standard companies organize the Atlas Supply Company to sell automobile tires and other accessories.
- 1948:** Standard (Indiana) forms a foreign exploration department to spearhead exploration efforts in Canada and other countries.
- 1951:** The Iranian oil industry is nationalized, ousting Anglo-Iranian Oil.
- 1952:** Standard Oil (Indiana) is the nation's largest domestic oil company.
- 1954:** Anglo-Iranian Oil is renamed the British Petroleum Company, returns to Iran.
- 1961:** Standard (Indiana) begins to use the brand name Amoco heavily in its advertising and subsidiary names.
- 1967:** British Petroleum becomes the second largest chemicals company in the United Kingdom.
- 1978:** Standard Oil (Indiana)'s tanker Amoco Cadiz runs aground, dumping thousands of tons of oil off the French coast.
- 1985:** Standard Oil (Indiana) changes its name to Amoco Corporation.
- 1987:** BP acquires SOHIO, forms BP America; the British government sells its shares of BP.
- 1988:** Amoco buys Dome Petroleum, Ltd., of Canada.
- 1994:** Amoco restructures, replacing its three major subsidiaries with a network of 17 business groups.
- 1996:** BP merges its European refining and marketing operations with Mobil Corporation.
- 1997:** Amoco begins a divestiture program designed to shed noncore properties.
- 1998:** British Petroleum acquires Amoco Corporation, forming BP Amoco PLC.
- 2000:** BP Amoco acquires Atlantic Richfield Co. and Burmah Castrol, changes its name to BP p.l.c.

## Company History:

Formed by the 1998 merger of British Petroleum Company and Amoco Corporation, BP p.l.c. is the third largest oil company in the world..’

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Above is an abbreviated version of the timeline.  
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