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## Whirlpool's Background

- 1989: home appliance industry
- joint venture firm with Philips Electronics, "Whirlpool International BV" (\$470 M, 53% stake)
- 1990: Dual branding program
- 1991: WE becomes sole owner of WIBV. (\$600 M, 47%).
- Development of new brands to establish USP:
  - 1) Whirlpool
  - 2) Bauknecht
  - 3) Ignis
  - 4) Laden
- http://www.whirlpoolcorp.com/brands-we-love/
- 11 manufacturing plants: production based on sales budgets and forecasts (Exhibit 1)
- CENTRAL distribution centers——REGIONAL distribution centers
- 6,900 stock-keeping units (SKU's)- due to unique country requirments