



36 years of heritage in performance apparel

1970

In 1970 Ron Hill is the first ever Britain to win the Boston Marathon, in 2hrs 10mins 30secs
Ron Hill also strikes gold at the Commonwealth Games recording a time of 2hrs 9mins 28secs
On 9th September 1970 Ron Hill sets up Ron Hill Sports

1972

Dr Ron Hill designs and produces the first edition of the Trackster©.

1975

Ron Hill Sports opens it's first shop, in Hyde Cheshire, following on from the early success of the mail order business, which Ron Hill ran from his home since 1970.

1978

Ron Hill Sports reaches a turnover of £200,000. 3 products drive the business: the Marathon Vest, Union Jack Short & Tracksters©

1981

1st London Marathon founded by Chris Brasher.
The running boom is on the increase and London Marathon provides the catalyst to the brand.
Chris Brasher is the distributor of New Balance shoes whilst Ron Hill is the distributor of Nike shoes in the UK.
Ron Hill Sports grows in numbers with its employees coming from graduate and running backgrounds

1985

1000 stores on Ron Hill Sports books. Running specific stores open by the week along with general sports stores looking towards running as a key driver for success.

1989

Sales exceed £6million from Ron Hill Sports retail outlets and branded products.

1990s

Global brand dominance grows and sees and increasingly competitive running market

1991

Peaco Group buys Ron Hill Sports and Dr. Ron Hill acts as ambassador to the brand.

1999

At a time early in the gym movement boom, the Ron Hill business is mainly driven by Trackster© sales.

Ron Hill Sports is now owned by OSC Ltd

2001

A new team is at Ronhill® bringing a new dynamic to the brand, focusing on the core running apparel at the heart of Ronhill® and also a strong focus on design and development of the women's run and fitness apparel.

2002

Spring Summer 2002 range is a split mix of run and bike apparel with a women's run collection forming a small 11 piece range which expands slightly during the Autumn Winter season. The bike collection is a 26 product strong collection.

2003

In May 2003 OSC Ltd is sold to Swiss Cutlery Ltd giving Ronhill® new stability to expand the brand.

Autumn Winter 2003: the Ronhill® collection comprised of Elite run – 15 products, a new warm-up range of 5 pieces, Marathon run which was a mix of 8 products and also thermal and Hi-Viz clothing.

In addition to this was a range of women's run clothing consisting of 17 pieces. Ronhill® also produced 5 different sock and a range gloves and hats. This was in addition to a smaller 14-piece bike range.

2004

Spring Summer 2004 was the launch of a new women's run collection featuring 21 products, up from 11 in 2002, including 7 brand new products including an innovative seamless collection of tops and a short that expanded upon the core run apparel.

In total the men's range consisted of 29 products, which along with the 21 strong female clothing range. The brand had in a short space of time developed from a men's run and bike focus to a more male and female run & exercise emphasis.

Ronhill® also launches 'All Terrain Gear' a range of 10 products for outdoor enthusiasts which features 3 jackets including the Summit jacket, 3 mid pieces and 4 leg wear pieces.

Autumn Winter 2004 saw the launch of the men's Classic range taking over from the Marathon collection. The Classic range is still featured in today's Ronhill® collection and is a definitive range of basic running apparel that compliments the main Elite collection. Also in Autumn Winter 2004 is a 17-piece Hi-Viz range consisting of jackets, mid layers, leg wear and accessories. All are designed to put the safety of nighttime runners as number one priority.

2005

A very balanced mix in Spring Summer 2005 of 25 men's run product and 24 piece women's range was demonstrative of the re-direction of the brand following the new team's arrival in 2001. The women's range featured many new products including the Warm Down Hoodie and Pant that gave the collection more than just run orientated designs by offering softer clothing pieces for relaxation, light exercise and general fitness. The bike range is refined to an active 11-piece collection in a variety of colour ways.

Autumn Winter 2005 introduces a separate Fitness collection into the Ronhill® range for the first time. This range of 10 women's exercise products compliments the 15 piece Elite run collection by using similar styles and garment colours to bring the 2 collections together.

Ronhill® links up with Breast Cancer Campaign to raise money through the sale of it women's Elite and Fitness collections for the charity. Over £5000 was raised in the first year.

2006

Spring Summer 2006 saw the Ronhill® collection feature new innovative products from the men's Solution jacket and Air Con Tee which uses body mapping fabric technology.

In Autumn Winter the Ronhill® collections were renamed for a new season. The men's elite run collection, known as Advance, and women's elite, known as, Aspiration feature new jackets, mid layer pieces and leg wear. The Hi-Viz range is subject to a complete design overhaul as is now currently available in Fluo yellow & Black and for the first time in men and women's specific collections. The range is renamed Vizion.

Ronhill® launched a brand new range of accessories in the new Additions range. 3 new socks for both genders and new hats and gloves compliment old favourites.

The ever present and popular Trackster© range, the iconic sports leg wear from Ronhill®, is refined, updated and upgraded to feature new technical benefits.

Ronhill® expands upon the relationship with Breast Cancer Campaign to join with other brands in the OSC Group including Sprayway® to donate £25,000 to the charity during Autumn Winter 2006 and Spring Summer 2007.

2007

Ronhill® launches its Spring Summer 2007 collection, which features the latest fabrics, designs and is strongly regarded its best and most complete collection to date. Brand new Spring Summer designs of shorts, vests and tees feature in the latest Advance, Classic, Aspiration and Celestial ranges.

A new junior collection is a part of the range for the first time.

The Trackster© celebrates its 35th anniversary since its innovative design and production back in 1972.