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## Chronology

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**Walter Gropius**

**Konrad Wachsmann**

**General**

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1883

Born Berlin, Germany.

1887

Christoph and Unmack established in Niesky.

1901

Born Frankfurt-Oder, Germany.

1903–04

Technische Hochschule, Munich.

1906

Hirsch-Kupfer established.

1905–07

Technische Hochschule, Charlottenburg, Berlin.

1907

Deutscher Werkbund.

1907–10

Chief Assistant, Peter Behrens.

1910

Memorandum to AEG on industrial production of houses.

1910

Le Corbusier in Behrens' office.

1910–14

In private practice, Berlin.

1914–18  
Officer in German army.

1914–18  
**First World War.**

1914–21  
Le Corbusier, mass-produced houses (Dom-ino, Monol, Citrohan).

1917–20  
Apprenticed cabinetmaker and carpenter.

1919  
Founded Bauhaus, Weimar.

1920–22  
Journeyman cabinetmaker and carpenter.

1923  
Baukasten-im-Grossen project.

1922–23  
School of Applied Arts, Berlin.

1923  
Le Corbusier, “Maisons en serie.”

1923–24  
Academy of Arts, Dresden (under Tessenow).

1923  
**Economic Chaos in Germany.**

1924–26  
Academy of Arts, Berlin (under Poelzig).

1924  
Steel houses in Britain (Weir, Atholl, Telford).

1924  
Frigyes Förster, patent for metal-faced panel system.

1925–26  
Bauhaus to Dessau.

1925  
Taut, Wagner.  
Industrialization of the site, Berlin-Britz.

1926  
Muche-Paulick steel house, Bauhaus.

1926  
Steel houses in Germany (Wöhr, Böhler, etc.).

1926  
“Wie bauen wir billigere, bessere, und schönere Wohnungen?”

1926  
First prefab system in reinforced concrete for housing in Germany (Bron).

1926–28  
Industrialization of the site, Törten-Dessau housing.

1926  
Goes to work at Christoph and Unmack.

1926–29  
May, prefabrication of the Siedlung, Frankfurt.

1927  
Prefabricated houses at  
Weissenhof Siedlung,  
Stuttgart.  
“Systematische Vorarbeit  
für rationellen  
Wohnungsbau.”  
“Der Architekt als  
Organisator der modernen  
Bauwirtschaft . . . .”

1928  
Resigns from Bauhaus,  
commences private practice  
in Berlin.

1928  
Business connections with  
Sommerfeld, visit to  
America.

1929  
Project houses for dry  
assembly (*Montagehäuser*).

1930  
Judge, competition, low-  
cost housing.

1931  
Appointed architectural  
consultant, Hirsch Copper  
House Department,  
responsible for  
development.

1931  
Joins Growing House  
competition task force.

1932  
Copper prefabs for Growing  
House exhibition, using  
Hirsch system.

1927–29  
Head of design studio,  
Christoph and Unmack,  
many projects.

1929–32  
In private practice, Berlin,  
house for Einstein.

1930  
Publishes *Holzhausbau*.

1930  
Prizewinner, competition,  
low-cost housing.

1931  
“Kleine und grosse Bauten  
in neuer Holzbautechnik.”

1932  
Wins Prix-de-Rome, goes to  
Italy, German Academy.

1927  
Buckminster Fuller,  
Dymaxion house.

1929–32  
**World Economic  
Depression.**

1930  
Hirsch-Kupfer acquires  
Förster-Krafft patent.

1930  
Bauwelt low-cost housing  
competition.

1931  
Building exhibition, Berlin.  
Prefabs exhibited (Hirsch  
copper house, Böhler steel  
house).

1931  
Wagner organizes Growing  
House competition.

1932  
Growing House exhibition,  
Berlin.

1932

Bauhaus transferred from Dessau to Berlin.

1932

Steel houses in the United States (Rowley, American Rolling Mills, General Houses, Inc., American Houses, Inc.).

1933

Bauhaus, Berlin, forced to close down.

1933

Compelled to leave Academy, now under Nazi control. Goes to Spain.

1933

**Hitler Comes to Power.**

1933

Prefab project, A. Rosa Works, Barcelona.

1933

Assistant to City Planner, Granada.

1933–38

Export of German prefabs to Palestine under transfer agreement (Deutsche Kupferhaus, formerly Hirsch; Böhler; Christoph and Unmack).

1934

Visit to Spalato. Meets Wachsmann. Visits Venice and Rome with Wachsmann. Goes to England.

1934

Visit to Spalato. Meets Gropius. Visits Venice; returns to Rome with Gropius.

1934–37

In private practice, London, with Maxwell Fry.

1934–38

In private practice, Rome.

1934–39

Exodus of German architects, to Britain, United States, Palestine.

1937

Moves to USA. Professor at Harvard.

1937

The Wagner (U.S. Housing) Act.

1937–41

In practice with Marcel Breuer.

1938

Chairman, Department of Architecture, Harvard.

1938

Moves to France. First proposals for Mobilair system.

1939–40

Interned as enemy alien in France. First proposals for panelized system of construction for prefabs.

1939–45

**Second World War.**

1940  
Uses his influence to get Wachsmann released from internment.

1941  
"How to Bring Forth an Ideal Solution to the Defense Housing Problem," with Martin Wagner.

1941  
Invites Wachsmann to stay at Gropius home in Lincoln.

1941–42  
Design of Packaged House system with Wachsmann.

1943  
Organizes demonstration of General Panel houses.

1945–69  
Partner in The Architects Collaborative.

1940  
Released from internment, short period of service in French army.

1941  
Visa obtained, sails for the United States.

1941  
Travels to Lincoln. Works on projects with Gropius.

1941–42  
Design of Packaged House system with Gropius.

1942  
Moves to New York.

1942  
General Panel Corporation, New York, established.

1944  
Office partition system for General Panel.

1945  
Mobilar hangar system.

1946  
General Panel Corporation, California, established.

1949  
Contract with General Panel Corporation expires.  
Appointed Professor, Institute of Design, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

1940  
The Lanham Act.

1941  
**USA Enters War.**

1942  
All federal housing functions consolidated in NHA.

1945  
**End of War.**

1946  
Veterans Emergency Housing Program.

1950  
General Panel ceases to  
function.

1950  
**Korean War.**

1952  
Professor Emeritus,  
Harvard.

1959  
"Wendepunkt in Bauen."

1965  
Professor, School of  
Architecture, University of  
Southern California,  
graduate program in  
industrialization.

1969  
Died Boston.

1980  
Died Los Angeles.

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