Swedish Inventions and Swedish Inventors

Johan Petter Johanson

Johan Petter Johansson (1853-1943) discovered while working as a mechanic in an industrial plant that he and his assistants often had to carry around numerous wrenches for different nuts and bolts.

So he came up with the concept of the universal pipe wrench (1888), and in 1892 he designed and patented the adjustable wrench (monkey wrench or universal screw spanner).

He established a company that later became Bahco. More than 100 million monkey wrenches have now been manufactured by the company, now called Sandvik Bahco, and production continues. Through-out the world, about 40 million monkey wrenches of J.P. Johansson's model are produced annually.

Johansson made a total of 118 inventions, several of them world–famous and still in production.