

## **Key dates in can history**

1808 - Aluminium was discovered by Sir Humphry Davy (who also invented the miner's safety lamp)

1856 - 1856: A method for producing aluminium products commercially was developed. The cost was so high it was considered precious, like gold and silver! It was so expensive that the French Emperor Napoleon had a ceremonial dinner service made from aluminium!

1935 - First three piece steel beverage can produced in America.

1937 - The first soft drinks can is launched in America.

1953 - Carbonated (or fizzy) drinks were put into steel cans.

1958 - The first two-piece aluminium beverage can was produced.

1961 - The easy open end (or ring pull) was introduced.

1989 - The stay-on tab was launched.

1990 - Europe's first dedicated aluminium can recycling plant opened, in Warrington, Cheshire.