- 1830: "Rocket" locomotive by George Stephenson reaches 50 km/h
- 1903: Siemens and Electric railcar reaches 210 km/h
- 1964: 1 October, the SHINKANSEN, first HSR system, starts in Japan
- 1981: The TGV, the first European HS train, operates in France at 260 km/h
- 1988: Pendolinoin Italy and ICE in Germany
- 1989: The Atlantic TGV operates at 300 km/h
- 1992: AVE in Spain
- 1997: HSR in Belgium
- 2003: HS1 in UK
- 2004: KTX in South-Korea
- 2007: 574.8 km/h New HSR record in France
- 2007: Taiwan HS Rail Corporation
- 2008: CHR in China
- 2009: HSR in the Netherlands and in Turkey
- 2018: HSR in Morocco and Saudi Arabia