

## DETROIT TRANSMISSION DIVISION HISTORICAL HIGH-LIGHTS

- 1939 Organized in one-third of an old six story building on Riopelle Street in Detroit.  
Shipped first Hydra-Matic Transmission to Oldsmobile in October.
- 1940 Shipped first Hydra-Matic to Cadillac in October.
- 1942-5 Hydra-Matic Transmissions made for tanks in World War II.
- 1947 Made 500,000th Hydra-Matic on September 22nd.
- 1949 Made 1,000,000th Hydra-Matic on January 2nd. In September began move of Hydra-Matic to new plant in Livonia.
- 1951 Introduced 1952 Model Dual-Range Hydra-Matic Transmission.
- 1953 August 12th - 1,500,000 sq. ft. Livonia Plant destroyed by fire.  
September 7th - Began move to Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti.  
November 4th - Began assembly of Hydra-Matic Transmissions, exactly 12 weeks after the fire.
- 1955 Introduced 1956 Model Controlled Coupling Hydra-Matic Transmission.
- 1957 Made 9,000,000th Hydra-Matic on November 6th.

### EXECUTIVE GROUP

General Manager . . . . .	O. William Habel
Works Manager . . . . .	F. James McDonald
Manufacturing Manager . . . . .	Charles F. Brundle
Master Mechanic . . . . .	Reuben R. Jensen
Plant Engineer . . . . .	Edward G. Lommel
Director Work Standards, Methods & Plant Layout . . . . .	Robert F. Perry
Director Engineering & Sales . . . . .	Walter B. Herndon
Chief Engineer . . . . .	Jack R. Doidge
Sales Manager . . . . .	Clarence A. Smith
Director of Production & Material Control . . . . .	James Riley
Director of Quality Control . . . . .	Phillip E. Cartwright
Director of Purchases . . . . .	Robert M. Benson
Divisional Comptroller . . . . .	Herbert G. Ashbaugh
Personnel Director . . . . .	Bernard W. Baldwin



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