

FORD METER BOX



While the Ford Meter Box name is familiar in water industry circles, it's perhaps less widely known that our products help deliver clean water across North America and around the world. For more than a century, this fourth-generation company has addressed the fundamental yet geographically diverse requirements for potable water services. I am proud of our long heritage of product development, manufacturing excellence, and distribution partnerships, and I am pleased to share with you this overview.

FULFILLING OUR MISSION WITH EVERY DROP

To those seeking professional opportunity, we hope you'll see that Ford is an excellent place to build a career. To our business partners and those in the waterworks industry, we affirm our commitment to innovation and continuous improvement. And to those in our hometowns of Wabash, Indiana and Pell City, Alabama, we stand firm in our commitment to you.

Steve Ford



For over half of our 100 year history, Ford Meter Box has served international customers in more than 120 countries. We offer a full line of waterworks distribution products and work closely with our customers to address requirements for a wide range of climates and installation conditions. We offer custom inscriptions in each customer's home language and maintain a multi-lingual staff with the knowledge and understanding of diverse cultures.

Often taken for granted, access to clean water is critical to ensuring public health, economic development and quality of life. At Ford Meter Box, we're proud of the role we play in delivering clean water to communities around the world. Our experienced employees are mindful that the products we develop and manufacture every day provide an efficient and abundant flow of our most precious natural resource. Indeed, with every turn of the tap, we know we've done our job.





**"I ASSURE YOU WE WILL GLADLY
GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF OUR
EXPERIENCE AT ANY TIME."
- EDWIN FORD, 1909**

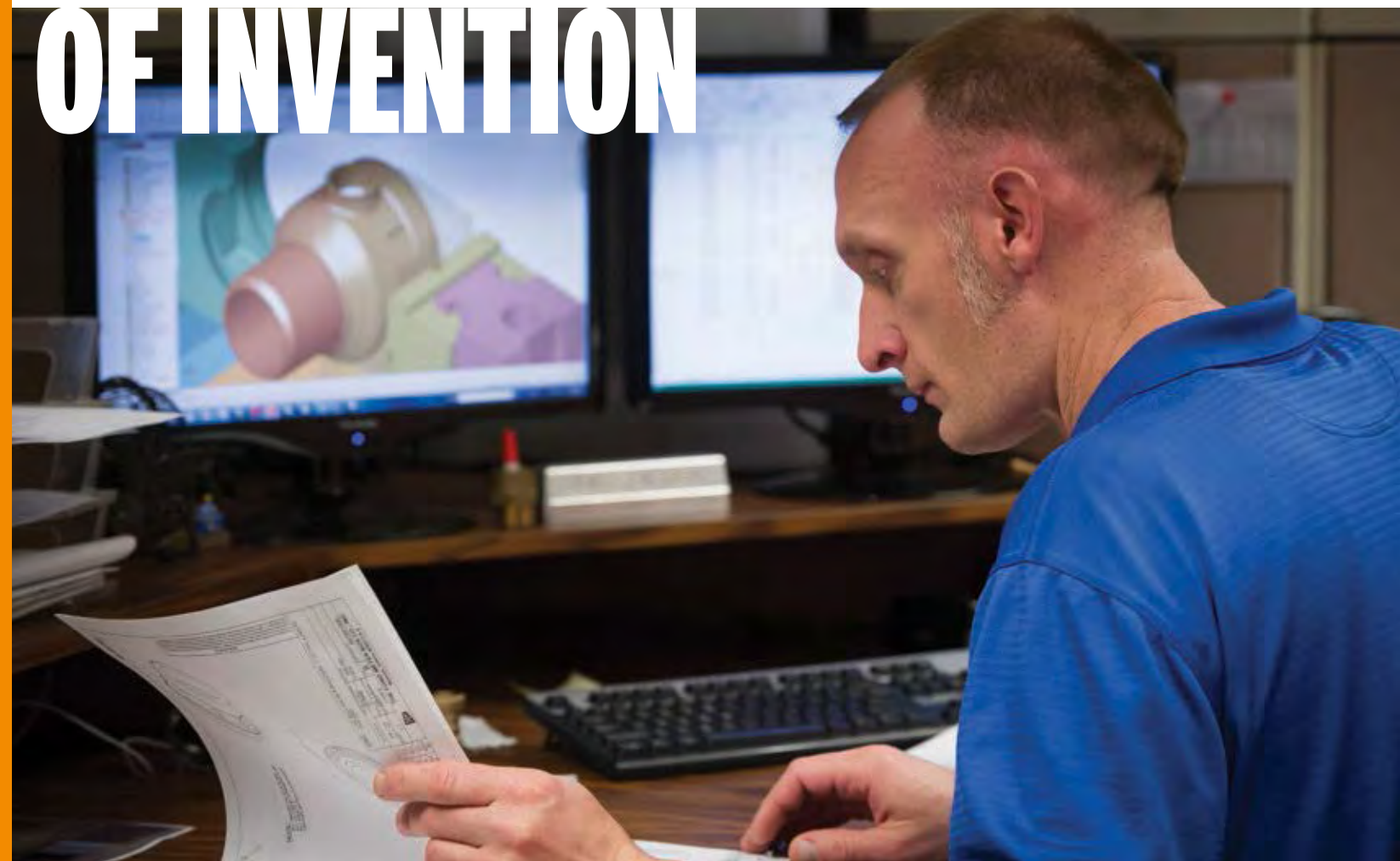


Ford Meter Box traces its roots to 1898 and the home of Edwin H. Ford in Hartford City, Indiana. Mr. Ford served as superintendent of the town's waterworks, which struggled with shortages due to excessive unmetered usage. He set about to solve the problem by designing an outside meter setting that would stand up to the winter cold, and within months he was filling orders for his new meter boxes. In 1911, Mr. Ford moved his fledgling enterprise to Wabash, Indiana and The Ford Meter Box Company was incorporated. Since then, the company has outgrown two locations and has expanded its facilities numerous times. Today, production facilities in Indiana and Alabama support a comprehensive catalog of nearly 30,000 products and variations. Ford's manufacturing sites, aided by satellite warehouses, service hundreds of stocking distributors and municipalities across North America.

The spirit of innovation Mr. Ford brought to the water utility business continues to inspire the advancements we achieve today.



A HERITAGE OF INVENTION



CONTINUOUS INNOVATION FOR THE WATERWORKS INDUSTRY

Although typically buried and forgotten, Ford Meter Box products play a critical role in the delivery of a clean and abundant water supply. The diagrams on this page highlight the typical deployment of Ford products in a community's infrastructure.

Pipe Products

Ford Meter Box added ductile iron, brass and stainless steel pipe products to its offering in the 1970s and today offers a complete catalog of repair clamps, couplings, service saddles and tapping sleeves to meet any pipe joining or repair need. Fabricated steel products, from tapping sleeves to large diameter couplings, can be made to customer specifications.

Restraints

Ford pipe restraint products provide a fast, economical method of restraining water main connections, valves and hydrants. Available for PVC and ductile iron pipe, the complete Uni-Flange® line eliminates the need for expensive, time-consuming concrete thrust blocks.

Brass Valves & Fittings

For more than 60 years, Ford Meter Box has set the industry standard for innovation in brass service line fittings. The Pack Joint compression fitting was introduced in the mid-1950s and continues to be found on every style of valve, meter setting and coupling we offer. The ball valve was introduced in the 1960s for its ease of use and ability to withstand higher pressures, and is available in multiple configurations. Through continued innovation, Ford brought to the waterworks industry the Ballcorp Corporation Stop for water main taps and check valves that offer peace of mind to water utilities.

Testing Equipment

Ford Meter Box has long set the standard for meter testing equipment with Standard, Indianapolis and Akron Test Benches. Today, Ford's Automated Measuring System (AMS) combines intuitive touch screen operation and pre-programmed tests for systematic and easy testing. Our innovative and flexible designs are handcrafted to order and are prevalent in meter shops throughout the United States.

Meter Setters

Ford Meter Box began as a specialty manufacturer of water meter setting and testing equipment, and for decades has pioneered advancements in the way meters are set in homes and businesses around the world. Today, Ford continues to be the primary producer of copper meter setters, offering the broadest line in the waterworks industry.

- A Lids and Covers
- B Pipe Products
- C Pipe Restraints
- D Coupling Adapters
- E Saddles
- F Adapter Flanges
- G Pipe Restraints
- H Corporation Stops
- I Curb Boxes & Curb Stops
- J Meter Setters
- K Tapping Sleeves
- L Restraint Devices
- M Repair Clamps
- N Plastic Pit Setters





FORD METER BOX IS CERTIFIED TO
THE ISO 9001 QUALITY STANDARD



LEADING THE WAY WITH ADVANCED MANUFACTURING & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Over the decades, Ford has invested in advanced manufacturing processes, giving us a unique ability to partner with our customers in product development. Our foundry and machining areas feature a flexible approach to production, providing high speed, medium run and small quantity lots to meet our customers' delivery requirements.

Group technology in cell assembly areas and the strategic use of robotics ensure high levels of quality and efficiency. As an industry leader in innovation, we continuously work to meet our customers' requests for new product development. Indeed, we recognize that many of our best ideas come from those who use our products.





A CULTURE OF DEDICATION AND LOYALTY

Our commitment to deliver quality products and services all comes down to the dedication of our employees. In return, we work to provide an environment where they can thrive. With millions of hours worked without a lost time accident at our Pell City, Alabama plant, we have a track record of corporate safety and putting people first. In the end, Ford's culture profits from a service-oriented approach to an inherently worthwhile business. The business of clean water.

Our company, foundation, and employees are proud to support a wide range of charitable organizations and activities in the communities we call home.



Ford Meter Box employees benefit from our on-site clinic and health club.



Outdoor opportunities abound in both locations. Wabash County is home to two reservoirs that are surrounded by Indiana state recreational areas, and much of Pell City borders the picturesque waters of Logan Martin Lake.

Ford Meter Box is proud to make its home in two thriving communities. Wabash, Indiana and Pell City, Alabama both feature the best-of-both-worlds experience of living in a small town with rich cultural and recreational opportunities.



In Wabash, community highlights include one of the most widely attended theater and entertainment venues in Indiana, the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center.

WELCOME TO OUR HOMETOWNS





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