



A Pair of Ford Meter Box Milestones!

Ford Meter Box will celebrate two milestones in 2011: the 100th anniversary of our incorporation as an Indiana company and Edwin Ford's move from Hartford City to Wabash, Indiana.

In January 1911, Edwin Ford moved his family and his 13-year-old fledgling company from Hartford City to Wabash. Ford Meter Box has now called Wabash "home" for 100 years. During this time, the business has occupied three different locations.

In addition, on January 27, 1911, the State of Indiana granted our Articles of Incorporation. Fifty shares of stock were divided among three shareholders, and The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc. was born.

Edwin first moved his company into the basement of Diehl Machine Works next to the Wabash River. The first brass was poured by Ford Meter Box in 1914.

In 1915, steady growth prompted a move to South Carroll Street. This facility was adequate until the close of World War II brought home the troops and generated new demand for housing.

Ford Meter Box moved to the largest facility available in Wabash in 1951. Manufacturing has since expanded at this location numerous times, and today our Manchester Avenue facility encompasses approximately 580,000 square feet.

For decades Ford Meter Box focused on water works brass and iron products, but in the 1970s Ford began selling pipeline products. In the 1980s, continued growth prompted the acquisition of a facility in Pell City, Alabama, which became our Pipe Products Division.

In 1994, Ford Meter Box acquired Florida-based Uni-Flange®. This was a manufacturer whose restraint line complemented the products already produced in our pipe products facility.

Today Ford Meter Box can be characterized as a unique company with great employees and a solid base of distributors and customers. Ford's distinctive and broad product line encompasses tens of thousands of items. The company has come a long way since Edwin Ford moved to Wabash in a boxcar in 1911.



For more than 35 years Ford Meter Box occupied this building on Carroll Street.



Foundrymen in the "new" factory shortly after the move to Manchester Avenue in 1952.



Today's factory on Manchester Avenue.

