

A Working Piece of History

In 1998, The Ford Meter Box Company celebrated its 100th anniversary. The history of Ford Meter Box is comprised of the products produced and the people who designed and built these products. The Ford archives are filled with photos and documents that tell the Ford Meter Box story. On rare occasions, a piece of Ford history surfaces. Such was the case of a forgotten Ford Test Bench we are pleased to feature in this Meter Setter.

This “lost” bench is circa 1915. It was discovered, still in working condition, a couple of years ago. The bench had been carefully reconditioned and modernized during the late 1960’s. Updates to the bench included new calibrated tanks. The original set-up featured a riveted boiler plate tank. Another modernization was the addition of a testrate flow indicator. The early Ford Test Bench used a manually adjusted venturi restrictor plate to control flow.

Through the aid of drawings, photos, and other historical documents, the test bench was completely dismantled, cleaned, repainted, and rebuilt. Reconstruction was as faithful as possible to the original design. This fine antique test bench is now on display in the Ford Meter Box corporate office.

Ford Meter Box is grateful to the Tighe family of Ti-Sales, Inc. in Sudbury, Massachusetts, for helping this piece of Ford history find its way home. If you should happen upon a piece of Ford history, please contact your local Ford distributor or The Ford Meter Box Company.



1915 Model 4A Test Bench

