



Finding Aid for

DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT RECORDS, 1956-1968
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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1904

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company. Computer Planning and Control
Department.

TITLE: Data Processing Equipment records

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1965-1968

QUANTITY: 1.8 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: The Data Processing Equipment records include purchasing requests and data processing equipment upgrade proposals for Ford plants, divisions and departments.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Computer Planning and Control Department Data Processing Equipment records consist of two series. The **Division Equipment Purchasing** series includes working files, correspondence, and purchasing authorizations. The records include computer equipment purchasing requests, approvals, and program proposals for computer and data processing equipment upgrades in Ford plants in the United States, Canada, Europe, and South America. Divisions covered include Automotive Assembly Divisions; Transmission and Chassis Division and Transmission; Engine and Foundry Division; Ford Motor Credit Corporation; Glass Division; Metal Stamping Division; Philco-Aeronutronic Division; and Tractor Division. Overseas operations include equipment upgrades for Ford plants in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, and the United Kingdom. The **General Equipment Purchasing** series includes working papers, reports, purchase orders, and program proposals for various departments including the Central Office Financial Staff, Design Center Staff, and Engineering Staff. The bulk of the records reflect a major equipment upgrade program throughout Ford manufacturing facilities implemented in 1967.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal or Corporate

Ford Motor Company. Computer Planning and Control Department.

Subjects

Electronic data processing
Computer-aided engineering
Punched card systems

CONTAINER LIST

Box no. **Description**

Box 1

DIVISION EQUIPMENT PURCHASING

- Automotive Assembly Divisions
 - All assembly plants (4 folders)
 - Autolite Detroit parts depot (3 folders)
 - Kansas City Plant
 - Wixom Plant
- Engine and Foundry Division
 - General equipment plans
 - Casting Plant
 - Cleveland Engine (3 folders)
 - Dearborn Engine (2 folders)
 - Dynamometer Control Systems Test
 - Lima, Ohio
- Ford Division
 - Louisville heavy truck
 - Warranty claims processing
- Glass Division
- Lincoln Mercury Division (2 folders)
- Metal Stamping Division
 - Buffalo Stamping Plant
 - Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Woodhaven upgrades
 - General division upgrades (3 folders)
- Tractor Division (4 folders)
- Transmission and Chassis Division
 - General division equipment programs
 - Canton Forge
 - Indianapolis Plant
 - Livonia Plant (2 folders)
 - Sharonville Plant
 - Sterling Heights Plant (3 folders)
- Philco-Aeronautic (6 folders)

Box 2

- Overseas Branches
 - Argentina
 - Australia
 - Brazil
 - Canada
 - General equipment plans
 - Bramalea Plant
 - Review of previously proposed computer equipment
 - Oakville Plant (2 folders)

St. Thomas Plant
Finance (2 folders)
United Kingdom

Box 3

Germany (2 folders)

GENERAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASING

Business equipment proposals (6 folders)
Central office, finance staff
Design center (2 folders)
Engineering staff (9 folders)
P & A online systems