# **Since 1917 - Our Early Days**



In 1917 Eugene E. Maurey invested his hard-earned savings as an auto mechanic to found Up-To-Date Machine Works which later became Maurey Manufacturing Corporation. His proven ability to keep fine cars in good repair influenced business men to trust his skills in the screw machine operations in which the newly founded company specialized. Mr. Maurey's alertness to ways and means of improving production efficiencies impressed his customers from the start. The shop's capacity was enlarged and its versatility enhanced by the regular addition of new machinery and equipment. The young entrepreneur was equally alert to find new users of his expanding capabilities. It also worth noting that the company's original building had been purchased from the Lillian Russell estate. During the height of her career, she was known as one of history's most gifted singers and comediennes. The pictures on this page capture some of the moments in our company's earliest days.



The Maurey Family In Our Early Days









### 1917

Maurey Manufacturing was founded by Eugene E. Maurey as Up-To-Date Machine Works

### 1920

By 1920 Up-To-Date Machine Works was fully functioning out of Lillian Russell's former coach house.

## 1920's-1930's

The Up-To-Date Machine Works produced a variety of high quality products in its earliest days. Our company was an early producer of woodworking machinery. We also turned out a several types of lock parts. Our founder, Eugene E. Maurey, developed a wheel lock for the Model T Ford and manufactured its components. His reputation for ingenuity and efficiency as a manufacturer grew with every project. His shop was sought as a supply source for vital parts for other internationally famed products, ranging from speaker housings for a world-renowned radio manufacturer to popular coaster wagons. This page features some of our early and most popular products of that era along with some of our print advertisements from the 1920s. A large focus of our company's production at that time included band saws, bench saws, hand tools as well as craftsman's shops and their accompanying tools.



1920s Ad in Popular Mechanics



1920s Ad in Popular Science

By the 1930s industry was growing to realize the inherent efficiency of V-belt drives as a means of transmitting power. There was an increasing need for V-belt sheaves to seat the belts. Upon the advice of friends, our founder Eugene E. Maurey began to make sheaves. By 1932 Maurey steel sheaves were beginning to gain the reputation that was eventually to make them world famous. Within a two-year period V-sheaves had become Up-To-Date Machine Works' most important product. The growth that occurred during this time had increased the company's size to such a degree that our company incorporated under its current name of Maurey Manufacturing Corporation. The pictures on this page display one of our earliest innovations and patents as well a scene from our early days of sheave production.





Investors Visit Maurey's Plant in the 1930s

### 1935

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Maurey Manufacturing files for its first sheave patent which is awarded three years later

1932

### 1933

Joseph E. Maurey, eldest son of Eugene Maurey begins his nearly seventy year tenure with the firm

The Up-To Date Machine Works incorporates as Maurey Manufacturing in response to rapid growth

### 1940's-1960's



The era during the middle of the 20th century was a period of rapid expansion for the power transmission industry in general. Maurey Manufacturing was uniquely positioned to meet the greater demand for sheaves during this time. A noteworthy example occurred during the emergency years of the Second World War. Utility companies were hard pressed to provide adequate power to meet the unprecedented demands of war production. Their situation was even more acute because of coal shortages. During 1943 a two-day power blackout resulted, causing production stoppage throughout the Chicago area. Maurey Manufacturing was one of the few notable exceptions because Eugene Maurey had personally prepared his plant for such a crisis. He had installed an auxiliary generating system which supplied adequate power for uninterrupted production of Maurey Hi-Q sheaves throughout the blackout period.

While sheaves were Maurey's most important product during the 1930s, the next few decades were a time of rapid product expansion for our firm. Patented products such as the XB bushing enhanced our status as a leading innovator in the industry. In 1948, a marketing partnership was established with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Our relationship transitioned with the acquisition of Goodyear's Engineered products by Continental ContiTech. We proudly continue the almost 70 year partnership in marketing the finest power transmission belting in the industry. The era was also the time in which Joseph E. Maurey began his tenure as president in 1959 with the passing of our founder Eugene Maurey that same year.



Maurey Sheave Production Expansion in the 1940s



#### 1948

Maurey Manufacturing enters into a marketing partnership with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company

### 1952

1959

Upon the passing of our founder Eugene Maurey, his son Joseph E. Maurey becomes President

Maurey Manufacturing enhances its reputation as an innovator with its filing of a patent for XB Bushings

### 1970's-1980's

The period from the 1970s to 1980s was a time of significant advancement for our company. Maurey Manufacturing established itself as a truly national provider of power transmission components. In addition to a constantly expanding network of strategically placed warehouses throughout the country to serve our customers this era saw a huge increase in manufacturing capacity for our firm as well. Among the largest changes was the construction of our newly built state of the art plant in Holly Springs, Mississippi during the 1980s. It was during this era that our current president Joseph W. Maurey started his tenure with the firm in 1980. His leadership as Vice President of Manufacturing during the period of our plant construction was pivotal to making the investment in capital and additional capacity a huge success.



Pictured Above and Below is the construction of Maurey's new Holly Springs, MS plant in the 1980s



### 1990's – Present



Since the 1990s Maurey Manufacturing has experienced great change. In 2001 our company relocated our corporate headquarters to Holly Springs, MS. In 2005 Joseph W. Maurey became president and CEO with the passing of his father Joseph E. Maurey. We also made significant investment in new machinery to better position ourselves for our next century as a firm. With the addition of fourth generation family member Taylor S. Maurey to our staff as chief engineer in 2016 we are positioning ourselves to continue serving our valued customers as a proud family owned company.

### 1986

Maurey Manufacturing completes the manufacture of a state of the art facility in Holly Springs, MS

### 2005

Upon the passing of his father Joseph E. Maurey in 2005, Joseph W. Maurey becomes President & CEO

### 1980

Joseph W. Maurey, eldest son of Joseph E. Maurey begins working with the company

#### 2001

Maurey Manufacturing relocates its headquarters to Holly Springs, MS

#### 2016

Fourth generation Maurey family member Taylor S. Maurey joins the firm as chief engineer

# AND NOW ... A LOOK TO THE NEXT 100 YEARS

It is a great honor to be counted among the remaining American manufacturers in our industry today. We are humbled to have had the privilege of serving our customers these past 100 years. We are proud of our family's past generations and accomplishments and look to the years ahead certain that future generations will strongly build on what we have accomplished thus far. We appreciate the countless efforts of all past and present Maurey employees that have worked tirelessly to make us what we are today. We remain committed to providing value to our customers with excellence in customer service, the best quality products in the industry today, and by leveraging efficiencies from the most up to date machinery and processes.



Joseph W. Maurey

Our continued commitment to you our customer is

- Continuous improvements in manufacturing equipment and processes to ensure a competitively priced product without compromises in quality or service.
- Investments in people and training to ensure continued growth in capacities and capabilities.
- Nationwide inventories to enable our customers to keep their operations running smoothly.

The addition of fourth generation family member Taylor Maurey to our engineering team last year ensures that we are positioning ourselves to serve our valued customers for another 100 years as a proud family owned company. We truly value your business and realize with great appreciation that only with your support have we been able to expand the products and services we offer to you. We look toward the future with a profound sense of hope and optimism about the years and decades ahead and remain committed to continually finding ways to better serve you in our next century as a company.



Joseph W. Maurey President