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## Introduction to American Broach & Machine Company

1. “American Broach & Machine Company” (ABM) Location  
(20 miles west of Detroit, Michigan)
2. 48 full time employees, in Michigan, USA, 1 full time sales/service in China
3. Established in 1919 (94 years) **NAICS CODES = 333515 & 333517**
4. Stock owner/board of directors, Michigan, USA based company (S-Corp).
5. Top local officers:
  - Ken Nemec, President [ken@americanbroach.com](mailto:ken@americanbroach.com)
  - John Merz, VP Manufacturing [merz@americanbroach.com](mailto:merz@americanbroach.com)
  - Mike Casto, VP Sales Manager [casto@americanbroach.com](mailto:casto@americanbroach.com)
6. Broaching Machines, Broach Cutting Tools, Fixtures, and CNC Automatic Broach Tool Grinding Machines, R&D - Productivity Engineering Services.
7. Emergency Service, Spare Parts, and Rebuild Service Available
8. Maintenance / Spare Parts for most brands of broaching machines.
9. ISO 9001 – 2002 AS9100, Lean Quality Management Systems in Place,

Thank you for your interest in our company. I would enjoy telling you a little about our company. We have a history filled with pride and a future full with opportunity. American Broach was founded by Mr Francis Lapointe, the father of American broaching, in 1919 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, at the suggestion of **Henry Ford**, so the story goes. This was in order to be in close proximity to the Ford Dearborn, Michigan car factory. Francis Lapointe's father, J. L. Lapointe, originally created a faster and more accurate broaching machine at his factory in New London, Connecticut, in 1901, revolutionizing the broaching process as it was originally developed in Europe. In 1937, Francis Lapointe sold the business to an Illinois-based machine-tool company, Sundstrand.

The original factory building at 408 West Washington, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, was from 1919 to 1963 the headquarters of American Broach, considered a pioneer machine-tool company.

American Broach flourished during the heyday of the U.S. auto industry, supplying broaches (specialized metal-cutting tools) and broaching machines to the Big Three auto companies, their suppliers, and farm machinery manufacturers. At its peak during World War II, American Broach employed 500 people and ran around the clock making equipment for munitions factories. Unlike many of its competitors, it weathered the long decline of the U.S. auto industry, and it still survives, on a smaller scale, in a new (2008) modern factory Ypsilanti, Michigan, 6 miles west of its original location. The world famous "Rosie the Riveter" (**Geraldine Hoff Doyle**) was actually a broaching machine operator in American Broach's factory in Ann Arbor.



After American Broach stock was sold to the Sundstrand Corporation 100%, the headquarters was moved to the west side of town into a new building that remained its headquarters from 1963 to 2008. In the mid 70's the company stock was sold to a group of investors and employees, and in 2004 60% of company stock was sold to a multi-national machine tool corporation, the remaining 40% was purchased in 2010 by an Ann Arbor, Michigan based LLC (QCA).

Today, we are a thriving corporation with a supportive board of directors and motivated employees. In 2012 we boasted the best sales in over 35 years. After only four years in our current plant we are expanding into the building next door, more than tripling our manufacturing footprint in our plants in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

We are 30 minutes drive from Downtown Detroit, 20 Minutes west of Detroit Metro Airport, and 1 hour from Toledo. It's the perfect location with easy access to road, rail, and air transportation. All this gives our customer the convenience and confidence of working with a company that produces local solutions with its global connections.

With the resurgence of the US machine tool economy, only 30% of our sales are outside the USA. Our customer list includes virtually every manufacturer of planes; trains, automobiles, heavy equipment, power generation, off road vehicles, defense, gear box makers, and most first and second tier suppliers to these industries. We have uniquely positioned ourselves to provide exceptional service outside the USA, like we have for the last 94 years inside the USA.

American Broach has always been on the cutting edge of development and innovation, and today it's still the same, we are designing, building and marketing the world's highest quality broaching machines, broach tools, and the World's BEST CNC & manual broach tool sharpening machines. Our designs, engineering, lean principals, and quality standards are respected worldwide, but it's our keen knowledge of broaching, willingness to share technology, and our dedication to customer service that keep customers coming back to ABM for decades.

I firmly believe that American Broach will provide the service that other companies only talk about. You have my promise along with the promise of our entire team of dedicated employees. We are clearly stating our intentions to meet customer needs, offer best-in-class service, and understanding and schedules.

Thanks for asking about our company, if I sound passionate about American Broach and our team's desires and commitment, then I have achieved my goal of expressing the passion we feel for the broaching business.

Best Regards  
Ken Nemec  
President