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Introduction to American Broach & Machine Company

1. **American Broach & Machine Company (ABM)** is located 20 west of Detroit, Michigan. We are 20 minutes from DTW airport.
2. **ABM** is a Michigan corporation established in 1918, with full production launching in 1919.
3. We have 50+ full time employees at our two plants in Ypsilanti, Michigan.
4. **Top local officers:**
 - **Mike Casto, President** casto@americanbroach.com
 - **John Merz, VP Manufacturing** merz@americanbroach.com
5. We manufacture broaching machines, broach tooling, and CNC tool grinders.
6. Our NAIC Codes are 333515 & 333517.

Thank you for your interest in our company. We have a history filled with pride and a future filled with opportunity.

American Broach was founded in 1919 by Mr. Francis Lapointe, the father of American broaching, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. This was at the suggestion of Henry Ford, so the story goes, in order to be in close proximity to the Ford auto factory in Dearborn, Michigan. The original factory building at 408 West Washington, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was ABM's headquarters from 1919 to 1963. ABM was considered to be a pioneer machine-tool company.

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 originally developed in Europe.

In 1937, Francis Lapointe sold the business to an Illinois-based machine-tool company, Sundstrand. ABM 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, ABM employed 500 people and ran around the clock, making equipment for munitions factories. 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).

Unlike many of its competitors, ABM weathered the long decline of the US auto industry, and it still survives, on a smaller scale, at two modern factory buildings in Ypsilanti, Michigan. These are 6 miles east of its original location. Today, we are a thriving corporation with a supportive board of directors and motivated employees.

With the resurgence of the US machine tool economy, 70% of our sales are now in the USA, and we have uniquely positioned ourselves to provide exceptional service outside the USA. Our customer list includes virtually every manufacturer of planes, trains, automobiles, heavy equipment, and firearms including most first & second tier suppliers to these industries.

American Broach has always been on the cutting edge of development and innovation, and we continue that tradition today, designing, building and marketing the world's highest quality broaching machines and broach tools. Our designs, engineering, quality standards are respected worldwide.

We are always glad to share ABM's collective knowledge of broaching processes, and look forward to helping you with your next broaching application.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Casto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mike Casto, President