

Cooper Tires History



Cooper Tires Headquarters, Ohio in 1930

1914



Cooper Tire employees in 1917

Cooper traces its roots back to Akron, Ohio when two brothers-in-law purchased the M & M Company in 1914, making tyre patches and repair kits. The owners then purchased the Giant Tire & Rubber Company to make "rebuilt" tyres and moved the business to Findlay, Ohio in 1917. (Cooper is still located on this original property at the intersection of Lima and Western Avenues).

1944



A Rubber Dummy Tank as used in the Normandy Invasion During World War II

During World War II, Master Tire earned a special citation from the armed forces for converting to wartime production of inflatable rafts, pontoon bridges, lifesaving devices and waterproof bags.

Decoy tanks and landing boats made by the company were used in the Normandy Invasion and throughout the European campaign.

Today



Cooper Tires Head Office Findlay Ohio

Today Cooper stands as one of only two U.S. owned tyre manufactures and is the tenth largest tyre manufacture in the world. From one small manufacturing plant in Findlay to 3 major US tyre factories today.

1919

Another investor, a Cincinnati based auto parts dealer named Ira J. Cooper, established the Cooper Corporation in 1919 on an adjacent property for the manufacturing of new tyres.



*Founder of Cooper Tires
Ira J. Cooper*

1930

These two companies merged with the Falls Rubber Company of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in 1930 and formed The Master Tire & Rubber Company.



Building Tires at Cooper in 1931

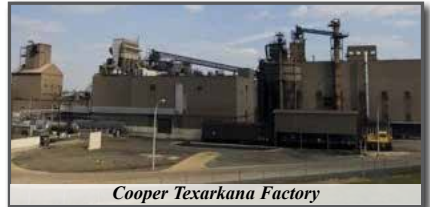
1946

In 1946, the company name was changed to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company.

1960

By July 11, 1960, the company became a publicly held corporation and was listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Throughout the next five decades, the company expanded its products, manufacturing plants, distribution system and marketplace.

2013



Cooper Texarkana Factory

It's taken almost 49 years, but on 14 March Cooper Tire & Rubber's Texarkana factory in the US state of Arkansas produced its 350 millionth tyre, the most tyres ever produced by a single facility in Cooper Tire history!

