

Collection Guide Firestone Catalog

Historical Context

The Firestone Catalog refers to materials that are about Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. Firestone was an American company founded in 1900 by Harvey Firestone in Akron, Ohio. This collection includes company newsletters, pamphlets, binders, booklets, assembly sheets, and newspapers. Collection materials are of interest to researchers who want to know about the Firestone plant in Noblesville, Indiana or the wider Firestone Tire & Rubber Company.

When Firestone was first founded in 1900, they opened up their first factory two years later. They began producing their own tires shortly after in 1903. This would become the fame of Firestone, as their tires pioneered the industry by introducing non-skid tread designs, the low-pressure balloon tire, and the low-pressure pneumatic tractor tire.

Also notable about the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company is their racing legacy. Harvey Firestone sponsored a driver in the first ever Indianapolis 500 race. The car won with Firestone tires, marking the start of a victorious racing history. In 1925, the Indy 500 was won on Firestone balloon tires in the first race where speeds exceeded 100mph. After their victory in 1997, their trophy count for the Indy 500 was brought to 50. As of 2015, their win count was up to 66, which is more than all the other tire manufacturers combined.

The Firestone Auto Parts Manufacturing Company was brought to Noblesville, Indiana in 1936. The existing infrastructure and easy access to railroads made it a desirable location for Firestone to call home. Shortly after its opening, the United States entered into WWII, marking a new era for the plant. Because natural rubber supplies were low, Firestone developed a synthetic rubber tire. The Noblesville plant began making wartime supplies such as rubber tracts for tanks.

By 1957, the Firestone plant in Noblesville employed over 1500 people, making it the top employer of Hamilton County. Despite its early success, due to issues in the 1970s, Firestone began to decline. They merged with Bridgestone Corporation in 1988. During this time, the plant became focused on air-spring manufacturing. In 2009, the CEO of Firestone deemed that the Noblesville plant was “no longer globally competitive” and moved operations to Mexico.

Since its closure, the Firestone lot has stood vacant to this day. There was talk of the area being used as a dog park in 2014, but no ground was broken for this project. Most recently, in 2024, it was announced that the lot would become a new station for the Noblesville Police Department. There are also environmental concerns tied to the land, as there are 7,700 barrels of hazardous waste buried on the property. They have been deemed too dangerous to dig up, and no residential buildings are allowed to be constructed above the barrels, though commercial buildings have been approved.

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 - 11 newsletters
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 - Folder, Hoosier
 - 12 newsletters
 - 1990
 - Folder, Hoosier
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 - 12 newsletters
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 - Folder, Hoosier
 - 10 newsletters
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 - 5 newsletters
 - Sept-Dec 1986
 - Jan 1959
 - Folder, Hoosier
 - 7 newsletters
 - Feb-Aug 1990
 - Folder, Hoosier
 - 12 newsletters
 - 1989
 - Folder, Hoosier
 - 11 newsletters
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 - 10 newsletters
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 - 12 newsletters
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- Folder, Hoosier
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 - Nov & Dec 1982
- Folder, Non-Skid
 - 2 newsletters
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- Folder, Firestone Pamphlets
 - 4 pamphlets
- Folder, Firestone Assembly Sheets
 - 2 sheets
 - M-88 Recovery Vehicle
 - M113 Personnel Carrier
- Folder, Ledger
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 - Feb 1989
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 - 1 Booklet
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- RFI work plan, phase I: Firestone Industrial Products Company, Noblesville, Indiana / prepared by Dames & Moore
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 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.1/PT.2
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 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.6
- Statement of basis: Firestone Industrial Products Company, Noblesville, Indiana / [prepared by] United States Environmental Protection Agency
 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.11
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 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.4
- RCRA corrective measures study: prepared for Firestone Industrial Products Company, Noblesville, Indiana / by Counsel for Environmental Law & Science
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 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.9/PT.2
 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.9/PT.3
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 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.9/PT.5
- Final Stony Creek residential soil removal workplan / [prepared by ARCADIS-USA for Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC, Nashville, Tennessee]
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 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.25
- PCB risk assessment; Time frame for remediation alternatives for Firestone Industrial Products Company, Noblesville, Indiana / United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.10
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 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.17/PT.2
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 - IND RM REF 363.72 FIRESTONE V.14
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