

Barber-Colman

Since 1894

*Centennial
Celebration*



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Welcome

Welcome to Barber-Colman's Centennial Celebration Open House (1894-1994). We are glad you could join us today and hope you enjoy your visit.

Since its beginning in the late 1800s, the Company has been characterized by a spirit of innovation, employee dedication, and a high standard of engineering and manufacturing excellence. The Company has enjoyed many successes throughout its 100 years of existence. In October, 1987, Barber-Colman became part of Siebe, plc. Siebe is a multibillion-dollar, multinational engineering company headquartered in Windsor, England.

As you tour the facility, please keep in mind that the work we do here provides jobs for many thousands of people, some of whom are located in many other countries throughout the world. The Park Plant is not only an important part of the Rockford economy, but it also plays a major role in positioning Barber-Colman as a quality, world-class company.

Thank you again for sharing your day with us. Enjoy your visit.

Sincerely,

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Barber-Colman Divisions

The **Aerospace & Power Controls Division** is comprised of three operating units, Aircraft Products, Power Controls, and Tech Development Inc. **Aircraft Products** designs and manufactures electronic control systems, electromechanical actuators, and pneumatic valves for the general aviation, commercial, and military aircraft markets. **Power Controls** designs and manufactures complete engine governing control systems and components that satisfy a wide range of engine control requirements for diesel, gasoline, natural gas, and gas turbine engines. Barber-Colman precision governors are available installed as original equipment by most engine manufacturers or as retrofit kits from a worldwide distributor network. **Tech Development Inc.**, Barber-Colman's wholly-owned subsidiary in Dayton, Ohio, produces aircraft turbines, as well as vehicular air starters.

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2 Control System Assembly

This climate-controlled assembly room is where all aircraft control system final assembly is done. For aircraft equipment, cleanliness is essential.

6 Actuator & Air Valve Assembly

15 CAD Drafting & CNC Machining

Computer-aided drafting can be seen here and how it is integrated with CNC machining. This is the largest congregation of computer numerically-controlled machines at Barber-Colman's Rockford area facilities.

17 Pneumatic Test Lab

This is one of the finest pneumatic test facilities in the United States. Barber-Colman equipment is thoroughly tested here before being installed on aircraft.

18 Engine Test Lab

All Power Control's engine control equipment is tested here before being put in production.

20 Power Controls Assembly

Siebe Environmental Controls offers effective solutions to make businesses run better through control and management of building mechanical systems, energy usage, and operating efficiency. Siebe Environmental Controls designs, manufactures, installs, and services the sophisticated, easy-to-use NETWORK 8000[®], DMS[™], and the MicroSmart[™] Control Network

Barber-Colman Divisions (cont.)

Facility Management Systems and the largest variety of building control components in the Industry. The line of control products includes pneumatic, hydraulic, electric, and electronic controllers; valve and damper actuators; temperature/humidity sensors; and valves.

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10 Electronic Thermostat Cell

With cellular manufacturing, thermostat production lead time was reduced from six weeks to six minutes.

11 Sensor Cell

With cellular manufacturing, sensor production time was reduced from eight weeks to 24 hours.

12 DVAV Transducer

This is a high-tech, pressure-sensing device manufactured under the most rigid microscopic conditions.

13 Hydraulic Actuator Value Center

A self-contained hydraulic actuator factory with engineering, planning, and production all in one area.

14 MicroNet 2000™

The newest controller family with architecturally styled thermostats are made with one-piece manufacturing flow.

16 Valve Value Center

A self-contained valve factory with engineering, planning, and production all in one area.

19 MICROFLO™/MICROZONE®/PEM™ Cell

These digital controllers are the latest conversion from batch to cellular manufacturing.

The **Industrial Instruments Division** designs, manufactures, and markets specialized electronic control components and systems for plastics machinery, heat treating furnaces, and industrial and commercial thermal process control applications such as metals, ceramics, glass, and semiconductors. Products include single and multi-zone temperature and process controllers, sensors, valves, programmable logic controllers and dedicated programmable plastics machinery control systems for injection, extrusion, and blow molding applications. The Division also manufactures and distributes systems for thickness measurement and control for plastics sheet film, converting, coating, and related industrial manufacturing applications.

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3 MACO Assembly

Dedicated, programmable, plastics machinery control systems.

4 Sensors Assembly

Sensors for industrial processes and plastics machinery.

5 Controller Assembly

Single and multizone temperature and process controllers.

7 Marketing & Engineering

8 Component Insertion Assembly

Automatic insertion of printed circuit board components takes place here.

9 Printed Circuit Board Assembly

Completed printed circuit boards are used to manufacture systems and controller products.

21 Customer Demonstration Room

Thermal process and plastics machinery control products are on display here.

22 Administrative Offices

The **Motor Division** designs and produces a wide range of subfractional alternating current and direct current motors. These include dc permanent magnet motors, ac shaded pole motors, "pancake" and inline gearheads, and plastic gearheads. For over 60 years, the Motor Division has met customer motion control needs by tailoring ac and dc motors and gearmotors for individual applications. These applications include vending machines, office copiers, computer printers, automatic bank teller equipment, currency changers, medical x-ray machines, and peristaltic pumps.

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1 Rowe Vending Machine

Each of these Rowe vending machines, used worldwide, has 25 Barber-Colman food dispenser motors.

The sales and engineering offices for the Motor Division are located in the former Corporate Headquarters facility in Rockford. Manufacturing operations are located in Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Darlington, Wisconsin. Although these facilities are not on the Centennial Tour, like the other divisions on the Tour, the Motor Division is a major contributor to the success of Barber-Colman Company.

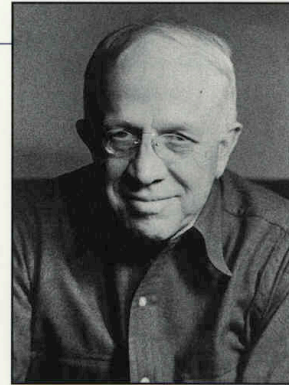
Howard D. Colman

Barber-Colman Company was founded by Howard D. Colman. Mr. Colman was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on July 9, 1873. The son of a Methodist minister, he received his education in the schools of various towns and cities in which his father served. "One of his father's pastorates was in the town of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, in which there was located a small cotton mill. The Colmans were neighbors to the superintendent of this mill, and it was through him the boy of about 16 or 17 made his first contact with the textile industry. This superintendent, whose name is not known, pointed out to the boy the need of a machine for drawing the warp threads into eyes of the loom harness. The boy's imagination was fired, and he immediately started to work on the idea, and built of wood a small model to illustrate the principles he had in mind."

Sometime later, Mr. W. A. Barber, a lumberman from Warrens, Wisconsin, and father of one of Mr. Colman's schoolmates, became interested in his idea and provided the resources necessary for further development. "Mr. Barber loaned him \$100.00, and in 1891, the lad, now 18-years-old, proceeded to make a better model of iron and steel."

After much more refinement, and further assistance from Mr. Barber, his warp drawing machine was tried out in a small cotton mill in Janesville, Wisconsin. "The results were sufficiently encouraging to warrant the building of a more complete machine which was eventually tested at Boott Mills...in...Massachusetts." In 1893 Mr. Colman came to Rockford, Illinois, where he had located a machine shop, the Spengler Brothers, capable of doing the class of work he had found necessary. About 1894, "he invented the check pump, a device for measuring milk, which proved very useful in the numerous creameries that dotted Wisconsin. This was the first patent issued to Mr. Colman and also the first device which gave the young company of Barber & Colman any financial returns."

On his trip to Boott Mills, Mr. Colman noted the time-consuming task to hand tie the hundreds and hundreds of yarn ends or warp threads in a sheet of cloth. It was here that "he conceived the idea of a hand knotter for spooler girls.... This little machine was amazingly successful and by July, 1901, Spengler Bros. was turning them out at the rate of 500 per month." So successful



was this device "that branch offices were opened in Boston, Massachusetts, and Manchester, England, with resident representatives in Atlanta, Georgia, Dresden, Germany, and Lille, France.... In 1900, among other projects, he started work on automatic spooling and warping devices, and during the following years many different schemes were considered and worked upon, but it was not until 1912 that the first model of the ...Barber-Colman automatic spooler was installed...." This was one of his greatest inventions.

"While he never attended an engineering school, he ranked among the first engineers in the country, and in 1935 the Franklin Institute awarded Mr. Colman the Longstreth Medal for a most outstanding contribution to the textile machinery art, as represented by the automatic spooler. He started business alone with an idea, and left behind (in 1942) an organization employing approximately 3000 men and women.... Space is too short to give a list of his inventions, but they covered many fields outside of the textile art. He was a rugged individualist, an inventive genius, a sound and conservative businessman, and a leader who by his own tireless example inspired all who came in contact with him. He set high standards of workmanship, individual performance, and business conduct. Barber-Colman Company stands as a monument to his genius and ability."

Quoted passages are from the booklet,
Howard D. Colman, 1873-1942