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Acc #623  
FMC General Accounting Ledgers

**ACCESSION #623**  
**Ford Motor Company General Accounting Ledgers**  
**1904 - 1925**

Approximately XX linear feet

Acquisition: The collection was donated to Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village by Ford Motor Company.

Access: The collection is open to research.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

From the time of its inception in June 1903 the Ford Motor Company began to keep detailed records of its financial transactions. On the cost side, records were made of what sums were paid to whom and for what purpose. Similarly, the payments received from the sale of cars, parts and accessories were recorded so that the financial condition of the young company could be tracked and the profits of the firm could be divided among the twelve original shareholders. The Company's

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Series I

FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905 – 1914

9 Boxes

FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905 – 1914 series includes records of cars sold to Ford Motor Co. Dealers and Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd. from 1905 to 1914. Dealers are listed alphabetically. Note that the series is not complete.

<b><u>BOX 1</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905-1914	CL - DA
<b><u>BOX 2</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905-1914	FO – GA
<b><u>BOX 3</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905-1914	H - Hz
<b><u>BOX 4</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905-1914	Ma - Mit
<b><u>BOX 5</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905-1914	Mo – No
<b><u>BOX 6</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905-1914	No - Poy
<b><u>BOX 7</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905-1914	Pr - Ry
<b><u>BOX 8</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905-1914	Sl - St
<b><u>BOX 9</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1905-1914	U - W

Series II

FMC Accounts Payable, 1907 – 1909 & 1918 – 1920

12 Boxes

This series contains accounting information about suppliers to the Ford Motor Company. Boxes 1 through 3 contain the hand written accounts payable for the years 1907 to early 1909. Accounts are listed alphabetically by the name of the supplier, and lists dates and amounts, but no information about what exactly was being sold to Ford Motor Company. Boxes 4 through 6 contain hand written accounts payable for the years 1918 through 1920.

<b><u>BOX 10</u></b>	FMC Accounts Payable, 1907-1909	A – G
<b><u>BOX 11</u></b>	FMC Accounts Payable, 1907-1909	H – L
<b><u>BOX 12</u></b>	FMC Accounts Payable, 1907-1909	M – Z
<b><u>BOX 13</u></b>	FMC Accounts Payable, 1918 - 1920	A – Al Am An – Az Ba – Bd Be – Bk Bl – Bq Br – Bz
<b><u>BOX 14</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1918 - 1920	C – Cd Ce – Ck Cl – Coo Cop – Cz Da – Der Det - Dh
<b><u>BOX 15</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1918 - 1920	Di - Dz Ea – Ez Fa – Fk Fl – Fz Ga – Gq Gr – Gz
<b><u>BOX 16</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1918 - 1920	Ha – Hd He – Ht Hu – Hz Ia – Iz Ja – Jz Ka – Kh Ki – Kz
<b><u>BOX 17</u></b>	FMC Accounts Receivable, 1918 - 1920	La – Lh Li – Lz M – Mc Ma – Md Me – Mh Mia – Mil

**BOX 18**          FMC Accounts Receivable, 1918 - 1920    Mim – Moq  
Mor – Mz  
Na – Nd  
Ne – Nz  
Oa – Oz

Note: P – R records missing.

**BOX 19**          FMC Accounts Receivable, 1918 - 1920    Sa – Sb  
Sca – Sg  
Sh – Sl  
Sm – Ss  
St – Sth  
Sti – Sz

**BOX 20**          FMC Accounts Receivable, 1918 - 1920    Ta – Tq  
Tr – Tz  
Ua – Unitas  
United – Uo  
Up – Uz  
Va – Vz  
Wa – Wd

**BOX 21**          FMC Accounts Receivable, 1918 - 1920    We – Wem  
Wen – Wilk  
Will – Wz  
XYZ

Series III  
FMC Special Accounts Payable, 1913 – 1919

3 Boxes

This series contains two consecutive accounts payable ledgers spanning the years 1913 through 1919. What makes this series unique is that the bulk of the entries are for Ford Motor Company management personnel including both Henry and Edsel B. Ford.

**BOX 22** FMC Special Accounts Receivable, 1913-1920

A – C 1913 – 1917  
D – G 1913 – 1917  
H – K 1913 – 1917  
L – M 1913 – 1917  
N – R 1913 – 1917  
S – T 1913 – 1917  
U – Z 1913 - 1917

**BOX 23** FMC Special Accounts Receivable, 1913-1920

A – Z 1917 – 1918  
A – Ck 1919 – 1920  
Cl – E 1919 – 1920  
F – G 1919 – 1920  
H – J 1919 - 1920

**BOX 24** FMC Special Accounts Receivable, 1913-1920

K – L 1919 – 1920  
M – O 1919 – 1920  
P – R 1919 – 1920  
S – T 1919 – 1920  
U – Z 1919 - 1920

Series IV  
Lincoln Accounts Payable, 1922

3 Boxes

This series contains surviving accounts payable records for the Lincoln Motor Car Company for 1922, the year that it was acquired by Ford Motor Company.

<b><u>BOX 25</u></b>	Lincoln Accounts Payable, 1922 February 1922 – May 1922	A – K
<b><u>BOX 26</u></b>	Lincoln Accounts Payable, 1922 February 1922 – May 1922	L – Z
<b><u>BOX 27</u></b>	Lincoln Accounts Payable, 1922 May 1, 1922 – June 1, 1922	G – T



Series V

FMC Patterns Lent Account Book, 1913 – 1917

1 Box

This series contains a single unique ledger book. The Ford Motor Company obtain many of its maleable iron casting from outside suppliers. For each casting, the Ford Motor Company provided the supplier a pattern for making the molds for the part. This ledger tracts which firms received the patterns and the value of the pattern.

**BOX 28**

FMC Patterns Lent Account Book, 1913 – 1917

Series VI

Miscellaneous Accounts Books

Boxes

<b><u>BOX 29</u></b>	FMC Miscellaneous Account Books 1918 – 1925	F	1918 - 1921
<b><u>BOX 30</u></b>	FMC Miscellaneous Account Books 1918 – 1925	L F L	1918 – 1921 1923 1923
<b><u>BOX 31</u></b>	FMC Miscellaneous Account Books 1918 – 1925	F L	1924 1924
<b><u>BOX 32</u></b>	FMC Miscellaneous Account Books 1918 – 1925	A – Fo Fo- Ne	1925 1925
<b><u>BOX 33</u></b>	FMC Miscellaneous Account Books 1918 – 1925	Ne – Z	1925
	Accounts Receivable Foreign Branches		1924 – 1925
	Accounts Receivable Memo J.V.		1921 – 1922
	Material in Transit Journal Vouchers		1920 - 1922