



Finding Aid for

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY
TEXTILE LABORATORY RECORDS, 1959-1969 (Bulk 1962-1964)**

Accession 2006.1.1911

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OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006.1.1911

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company

TITLE: Textile Laboratory Records

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1959-1969

BULK DATES: 1962-1964

QUANTITY: 8 cubic ft. (8 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

ABSTRACT: Also known as the Master Bodycloth File, the Textile Laboratory Records consist of working files of the Ford Motor Company Textile Laboratory Section staff. Files include correspondence, testing reports, material samples, and specifications for fabrics.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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RELATED MATERIAL: Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Ford Motor Company Material Specification Testing Reports Series, 1951-1953. Accession 93.1.528.
- Ford Motor Company Manufacturing Division Reports, 1952-1953. Accession 93.1.564.

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DESCRIPTION INFORMATION: Original collection inventory list prepared by Ford Motor Company staff, 1969.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

At the time these records were transferred to storage in May 1969, the Textile Laboratory Section functioned within the Body Engineering Office of Ford Motor Company Body & Assembly Operations Division.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Also known as the Master Bodycloth File, the Textile Laboratory Records (8 cubic ft.) consist of working files of Textile Laboratory Section staff. Files encompass all textiles, leather, and plastic used in 1961-1962 and 1964-1966 Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars and trucks, including Mustang, Falcon, Fairlane, Comet, Galaxie, Thunderbird, Econoline and others. Files include correspondence, testing reports, material samples, and specifications for fabrics.

The records are generally arranged by vehicle model and then by material supplier.

SUBJECT TERMS

Names, Personal and Corporate
Brunn, Hermann C., 1908-1989

Subjects

Automobile industry and trade
Automotive design
Carpets
Cloth
Convertibles
Ford automobile
Lincoln Continental automobile
Mercury automobile
Mustang automobile
Safety belts
Seating
Testing
Upholstery

Genre and Form

Correspondence
Reports
Samples

CONTAINER LIST

Box no.	Description
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Box 1

Bodycloth Testing Reports and Material Samples, 1963-1964 (Vehicle model years 1964 1/2 and 1965; vehicle makes include Ford and Mercury; vehicle models include Comet, Fairlane, Fairlane 500, Thunderbird and Mustang; material suppliers include La France Industries, Chatham, Burlington and J.P. Stevens)

Box 2

Bodycloth Testing Reports and Material Samples, 1962-1964 (Vehicle model year 1965; vehicle makes include Ford and Mercury; vehicle models include Falcon, Comet, and Fairlane; material suppliers include Collins & Aikman, Burlington, Chatham and J.P. Stevens)

Box 3

Bodycloth Testing Reports and Material Samples, 1962-1966 (Vehicle model years 1964 and 1965; vehicle makes include Ford, Lincoln and Mercury; vehicle models include Meteor, Monterey, Montclair, Parklane and Continental; material suppliers include Burlington, Chicopee Mills and Blue Ridge Textile Company; includes correspondence with Ford Motor Company Ltd., England)

Box 4

Bodycloth Testing Reports and Material Samples, 1962-1964 (Vehicle model year 1965; vehicle makes include Ford, Lincoln and Mercury; vehicle models include Continental, Comet, Comet Caliente; material suppliers include Collins & Aikman, Burlington and J.P. Stevens)

Box 5

Bodycloth Testing Reports and Material Samples, 1960-1965 (Vehicle model years 1961-1962, 1964-1965; vehicle makes include Ford and Mercury; vehicle types include automobile and truck; vehicle models include Galaxie, Galaxie 500, Thunderbird, Econoline; material suppliers include Milliken & Company (Deering Milliken), Blue Ridge Textile Company, Chicopee Mills and Swift Manufacturing)

Box 6

Carpet, Carpet Binding, Windlace and Speaker Grille Cloth Testing Reports and Material Samples, 1963-1965 (Vehicle model years 1964-1966; vehicle makes include Ford, Lincoln and Mercury; vehicle types include automobile and truck; vehicle models include Continental, Thunderbird, Fairlane, Falcon, Comet and Econoline; material suppliers include Masland, Vogt, Schlegel, Troy Mills, Buffalo, Diehl Industries, Burlington, Velcro Corporation, Ansonia Mills and Clements Manufacturing)

Box 7

Carpet, Headlining Testing Reports and Material Samples, 1963-1964 (Vehicle model years 1964-1965; vehicle makes include Ford, Lincoln and Mercury; vehicle models include Continental, Thunderbird, Fairlane, Falcon and Comet; material suppliers include Automotive Materials, Masland)

Box 8

Webbing and Woven Fabric Testing Reports and Material Samples, 1959-1964 (Vehicle model years 1961, 1964-1965; vehicle makes include Ford, Lincoln and Mercury; vehicle types include automobile and truck; vehicle models include Fairlane, Falcon, Econoline, Thunderbird, Continental, Comet, Mustang; material suppliers include Southern Weaving Company, Burlington, A.H. Rice, Prentice, Tape Craft, Ansonia Mills, Cotan, Acme Backing Corporation, Burton-Dixie, Gordon Chapman Company and Sears)

Original Storage Box Labels, 1969 (1 folder; consists of labels removed from original Ford Motor Company record storage boxes, numbers 2-8)