

# MILESTONES OF PROGRESS



1898 Mr J Leslie Fuller

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Foundation of the company as **Fuller-Wenstrom Manufacturing Co.** Offices at 110 Cannon Street, EC4.

**1901**

First Factory opened Haunch of Venison Yard, W1. Assembly of motors from components made by **ASEA** in Sweden.

**1905**

Factory moved to Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow. 5,750 square feet.

**1915**

New factory built in Fulbourne Road, 20,000 square feet. Branch offices opened in Manchester and Birmingham.

**1919**

Start of transformer manufacture, up to 100 kVA.

**1928**

Branch offices opened in Bombay and Calcutta.

**1929**

Start of On-load Tapchangers manufacture.

**1936**

Sales office moved from Chancery Lane, WC2, to newly built office block on Fulbourne Road, Walthamstow.

**1939 -1945**

The Sales Office was one of the tallest buildings in Walthamstow and volunteers watched for enemy aircraft from the roof. In June 1944 a V1 bomb fell on the site, causing 4 fatalities. The 70 people in the air raid shelter survived.



1905 ASEA move to Walthamstow



1936 The Sales Office moved to Walthamstow. The building is now the Council's Housing Offices



1945 The ARP at ASEA during the war

**1955**

Acquisition of West Works, 60,000 square feet.

**1957**

Company bought by **Brush Group Ltd.**, which in turn was acquired by Hawker Siddeley Group.

**1965**

Opening of the South Works.

**1968**

Company name changed to **Hawker Siddeley Power Transformers Ltd.**

**1981**

**Associated Tapchangers Limited** bought by HSPT. ATL was formed ten years earlier from the tapchanger departments of the largest British manufacturers in the field (including HSPT).

**1991**

**BTR plc** succeeded in their hostile bid to take over the Hawker Siddeley Group. HSPT became an autonomous company within this new structure.

**1996**

BTR sold the Walthamstow factory to international engineering group **FKI**.

**9th May 2003**

FKI closed the Walthamstow site and moved remaining small tapchanger production to the sister company, Brush, in Loughborough. The 170 staff are made redundant.

**2008**

Frederick Bremer School opens on Fulbourne Road.



1965 Opening of the South Works



Introduction of computers



2003 Last transformer being loaded