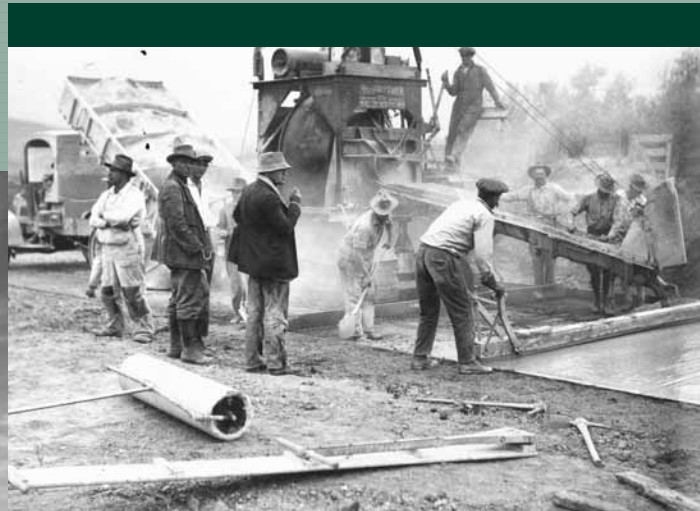


In 1950, Graniterock purchased its first "new" fleet of concrete mixers—eleven Ford F-6 Cab-Over-Engine (COE) trucks equipped with 2-yard Willard mixers from the Ford dealer in Salinas.

In 1924, Graniterock began offering "A Complete Chain of Service" supplying concrete and cement as well as rock, sand and Engineering Contracting Services under California State License #22.



Graniterock concrete plant, 1951



Paving Highway 129 near Aromas, 1930



Delivering concrete to Corralitos water plant, 1930



1950

Antique
Concrete Mixer

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History



Highway 1/17 Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 2009



First day, first job, Salinas, 1950

For 1950 F-Series Trucks

- First all-new post-war truck design from Ford—the beginning of Ford's "F-Series Trucks".
- Advertised as the "**Million Dollar Cab**"—wider cabs with larger doors, more head room and leg room, better visibility and better ventilation.
- A new "floating" driver's seat (coil spring with hydraulic shock absorber) to improve the ride.



Building Live Oak School, 1951

Willard Concrete Mixer

- Mixing capacity: 2-yards @ 8-12 rpm
- Agitating capacity: 2½-yards @ 2-5 rpm
- Drum driven by truck motor via Power Take Off (PTO) and chain, 18 gallon water tank

Flathead V8 Engine

Advertised in 1950 as having a "Top Speed of 51 mph"

- 239.4 cubic inch Flathead V8
- 100 hp @ 3600 rpm
- 180 ft lbs torque @ 2000 rpm
- 4-speed Transmission – 2-speed axel

Mixer Comparison

| | 2009 | 1950 |
|----------------|----------|---------|
| Empty weight | 14½ tons | 4½ tons |
| Loaded weight | 35 tons | 8½ tons |
| Wheel base | 23 feet | 9 feet |
| Overall length | 40 feet | 17 feet |



Crushed rock in – Concrete out, 1950



Building Salinas Memorial Hospital, 1951



2009 Concrete Mixer compared to 1950 Concrete Mixer

