

## Major Milestones in Holset's History

### The 1940's and 1950's



The Holset success story began in 1948 when W C Holmes became interested in manufacturing the Flexible Couplings designed by Louis Croset.

A license agreement was signed and Paul Croset was brought in to start up and manage the new venture in Huddersfield. He brought with him an enthusiasm for solving torsional vibration problems, which lead to the manufacture of torsional vibration dampers.

The company, which would eventually become Holset, started to manufacture couplings and dampers in the "garage".

On the 29th March 1952 Holset was born as a Limited Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of BHD Engineering Limited Group. The name Holset created from the names of HOLmes and CroSET.



As a young man Paul Croset had become aware of the turbocharger concept whilst working at Sulzer in Switzerland. Sulzer, in conjunction with Dr Alfred Büchi had developed the first turbocharged diesel engine. Paul Croset recognized the need to obtain more power from the diesel engine and saw the opportunities that the manufacture of turbochargers would offer. Holset signed a license to manufacture Büchi turbochargers in 1953. However these were found to be unsuitable for vehicle applications due to their size and weight. On 10 May 1957 Holset signed a license with **Schwitzer** covering the manufacture and sale of turbochargers and rubber dampers. The Büchi license was terminated.