

## Clippard Instrument Laboratory, Inc.

Clippard is a family owned and operated company. There are currently six family members, second and third generation, working there. The family emphasis extends to all employees and dictates all company policies. Quality is stressed as a matter of pride and family support of co-workers. Company goals are not business school imperatives but basic family values: honesty, fairness, strength, compassion, and mutual respect. This translates to our products and customers as quality, performance, service, and value. It translates to our community as a company that supports local activities and charities, and is known as a "good place to work."



The people of Clippard have many unique talents and abilities. They have built a wealth of experience in all aspects of miniature pneumatics. The company's headquarters are located in Cincinnati, Ohio. All sales and corporate offices are housed there as well as the manufacture of valves, modules, and fittings. Clippard runs over twenty-five automatic screw machines and twelve CNC machining centers to make most of its component

parts. Some parts are also purchased from carefully selected vendors, most of which have a long term relationship with Clippard. Extensive secondary operations and assembly complete the core of manufacturing. The unique aspect is the extensive use of Clippard products on all machinery, fixtures, and jigs throughout the plant, most of which are custom made in Clippard's own shop. Clippard Minimatics® are widely used to speed and improve production. Few other manufacturers can demonstrate such an earnest commitment to the value of their own products.



In nearby Fairfield, Ohio, Clippard built a new plant in 1998 to manufacture electronic interface valves and air cylinders. Situated on 16.9 acres this facility has plenty of room for growth. In Madison, Indiana, a small subsidiary makes acrylic modular circuit subplates. The fourth Clippard facility is four thousand miles away, a sales and distribution center, Clippard Europe S.A., in Belgium.



Visitors to the Clippard plants are most impressed not just with machines and facilities, but with the people. Indeed these achievements are not accidental. Clippard has honed its policies and procedures to create a positive and efficient workplace. Things like job enrichment, cross training, safety training, process controls, individual empowerment, and continuing education opportunities have made our work-force second to none.



## Mission

The people at Clippard recognize the importance of keeping business and manufacturing thriving in a rapidly changing world economy. Today's fast-paced, industrial market demands productivity. By supplying high quality miniature pneumatic components at affordable prices, along with expert application assistance, Clippard makes the benefits of increased productivity available to everyone.

## Markets Served

Clippard's worldwide distributor network has grown to include offices in 30 countries and throughout the U.S., providing quality components for an unlimited list of applications. From a simple two step machine process, to complex automation of sophisticated machinery, Clippard Minimatics are used virtually everywhere for control, interface, sensing, logic, and actuation functions. This broad range of applications spans a variety of industries including: machinery, packaging, textiles, medical equipment, animation, agriculture, material handling, mobile equipment, assembly, recreation, electronics, food processing, coatings, security, chemicals, construction, testing, mining, and many more.

## History

Leonard Clippard founded Clippard Instrument Laboratory in 1941, (Inc., 1946). The initial product line consisted of electronic test equipment and radio frequency coils. The manufacturing of these products required machinery employing the use of small, yet powerful, pneumatic cylinders and valves. Since no such products were commercially available, Leonard Clippard designed and built his own. Because the need for these components was widespread, particularly in manufacturing automated fixturing, Clippard presented them as a new product line in 1949. Until his retirement in 1977, Leonard Clippard continued to be a pioneer in miniature pneumatic components. Today, the company is managed by William L. Clippard, III, president and Robert L. Clippard, vice-president; the Minimatic line has grown to include over 5,000 standard products.



## Product Lines

Some of the many products offered include Minimatic® valves, cylinders, fittings, modular components, push buttons, stainless steel cylinders, electronic manifold cards, circuit analyzers, and prepped circuit manifold subplates. Special components designed for customer's OEM applications are also available.



## Quality

Quality remains a primary feature with every product Clippard produces. This is achieved through the excellence in manufacturing practices and craftsmanship that has continued throughout the years. The high standards set by Leonard Clippard, in company relationships with customers, distributors, suppliers. And employees continue to be upheld. The company motto, "Quality People, Quality Products," emphasizes the important role every employee plays in maintaining the company's reputation.

## Distribution

A fully-trained, professional distributor network markets and supports Clippard products, worldwide. To assure quality performance, close customer contact is maintained through a network of over 100 stocking distributors, with over 800 fluid power specialists. Clippard maintains close ties with these distributors through special conferences, training seminars, and the complete support of the factory sales and service team.





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