

Manufacturing began in the spring of 1947 in a small former woodworking plant in Palo Alto, California's industrial section. After destroying 50 percent of early production due to flaws, Dura-Bond finally delivered its first 5,000 unit order and set a goal of 20,000 units a month. Quite simple, they began to fill a growing need. The staff quickly learned that when a mechanic replaced an old camshaft bearing, he hammered the new one into place – requiring force to square the end away. Oftentimes the hammering created nicks along the edge, resulting in a damaged bearing. Dura-Bond's idea was to make it a solid circle of metal, which inserted easily and fit perfectly. The "all-round" design of solid metal soon replaced the interlocking design as an industry standard. The breakthrough meant no oil loss – no seepage from bearing onto shaft.



Though originally designed for replacement purposes in cars and trucks, under the leadership of Francis R. Burke, a Harvard graduate, Dura-Bond cam bearings quickly extended into many specialized applications, such as: marine, farm equipment, antique vehicles, and more. Enduring products have included standard, aluminum overhead, and high performance bearings. More recent additions to the product mix have resulted from the purchasing of a well-respected valve seat manufacturer. In late 1996, Dura-Bond began offering new technology powder metal valve seat inserts with superior machinability and designed for today's varying fuel requirements.



Francis R. Burke

Today over 70 years later, Dura-Bond has grown into a sophisticated 85,000 square foot facility located in Carson City, NV. Its employees are among the most qualified engine rebuilding component technicians in the world. Current production and distribution sources include a long list of distributors, engine rebuilders, and original equipment manufacturers throughout America and abroad. Since its humble beginnings, Dura-Bond's "all-round" camshaft bearing has assumed the enviable position of being the industry's standard against which all others are judged.

Dura-Bond continues in the fine tradition it has developed over 70 years with its employees, customers and vendors. Our customers depend on our quality and innovative products to provide ever-increasing demands to provide solutions. These solutions range from all the basics of just-in-time delivery, quality – ISO 9001 certification, Oliver Wight Class "A" MRP II and competitive pricing, and engineering design.



Charles Barnett

According to President/Owner, Charles Barnett, Dura-Bond Bearing Company strives to exceed the exceptional level of quality and service that the company has maintained during the last 70 years. Says Barnett,

"Our commitment to excellence and dedication continues to strengthen our customer relationships. These loyal customers are the reason we are still here, and the reason why we'll be around to see another 70 years."



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SINCE 1947!



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