

A Visual History

1959

The heritage of the Terex® Backhoe loader dates back to the Massey-Harris-Ferguson era of the 1950s and, in particular, commencement of production of the Tractor Digger Shovel (the "Three in One") in Manchester



1961

1961 saw the introduction of the 203/205 and 65S/65R models. S models utilised the 6 speed manual transmission and the R models featured the 4 speed Instant Reverse version. These models were updated in 1965 with the creation of the 203/205Mk 2 and 3165S/3165R models. This year also saw the 220 Backhoe with 5 position Power - Slide enter the market.



1966

1966 saw major product improvements with the introduction of the 3303/3305 models. The 250 loader incorporated a mechanical self-levelling bucket to reduce spillage during lifting and lowering. The new 252 sideshift backhoe incorporated the patented Hydra-Slide mechanism with hydraulic clamping.



1972

The legendary 50.B with new safety cab and improved loader and backhoe performance was introduced in 1972. This machine also included an automatic end of stroke cushioning feature in the backhoe boom cylinder. Further improvements included the introduction of four wheel drive in 1980 and the 50.B Mk 2 with extended stabiliser legs in 1981.



1984

1984 was the year that the new MF Industrial Division introduced a Power Shuttle Transmission which replaced the Instant Reverse version. This transmission included synchromesh gear shifting and softshift direction changes which were fitted to the new 50.5H/50.HX models.

1992

In 1992, the Fermec Brand was created following the management buyout of MF Industrial. A year later, a major product change occurred resulting in the introduction of the series 90 range which included the 750, 860, 865 and 965 models. These backhoes continued to be marketed under MF Industrial name.



1996

Following the Case buyout of Fermec in 1996 the MF Industrial name was dropped from the product line. In the North American market these machines were now marketed under the Kobelco America name and included the TLK 750, 860 and 965.

2001

In 2001 Fermec became part of the Terex Corporation opening up new business opportunities around the world.



2003

2003 saw the production of backhoe loaders transferred from the Manchester factory to a brand new Terex facility in Coventry. The Perkins Tier 2 engine and Pilot operated controls on the 880 and 980 models were also introduced this year.



2009

In 2009, Terex® backhoe loaders, with a 50 year heritage, continue to offer customers worldwide an excellent return on their investment.

