

History of Bristo Battery & Supply, Inc.

- 1945 Earl Bristo, Jr. returned home from the navy in WW II and joined his father, Earl Bristo, Sr., rebuilding generators, starters and magnetos in their small repair shop in downtown Vernon, Texas.
- 1959 Mr. Bristo acquired the Delco-Remy line of ignition, and shifted his focus from repair shop to auto parts store, rapidly acquiring other auto parts lines.
- 1975 Having grown into a full-line auto parts warehouse serving north-central Texas and southern Oklahoma, Bristo Battery expanded to Lubbock, Texas in a rented warehouse space at 40th and Ave. A. Jerry Smith joined the firm as head counterman; a position he holds to this day.
- 1978 Continuing to grow at a rapid pace, Mr. Bristo built the current warehouse at 124 E. Slaton Rd. Winston Hudson joined the firm as General Manager of the Lubbock location.
- 1979 Larry Massingill joined the firm as VP and Treasurer.
- 1981 Earl Bristo sold the Vernon warehouse location, and Mr. Bristo retired. Massingill joined Hudson at the Lubbock location.
- 1995 Winston Hudson retired. His sons, Scott and Mitchell, joined the management team as VP's.
- 1998 Larry Massingill retired full-time, remaining as the company's part-time CPA.
- 2001 Mitchell Hudson retired, and Mark Cunningham joined the firm as VP. He and Scott continue as owners of Bristo Battery & Supply.

