

Legendary Engineering Success Stories

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Criteria:

- In the past 75 years
- Substantial engineering effort
- Produced a useful result
- Clearly a Success - a Legend
- Top 10 (± personal bias)

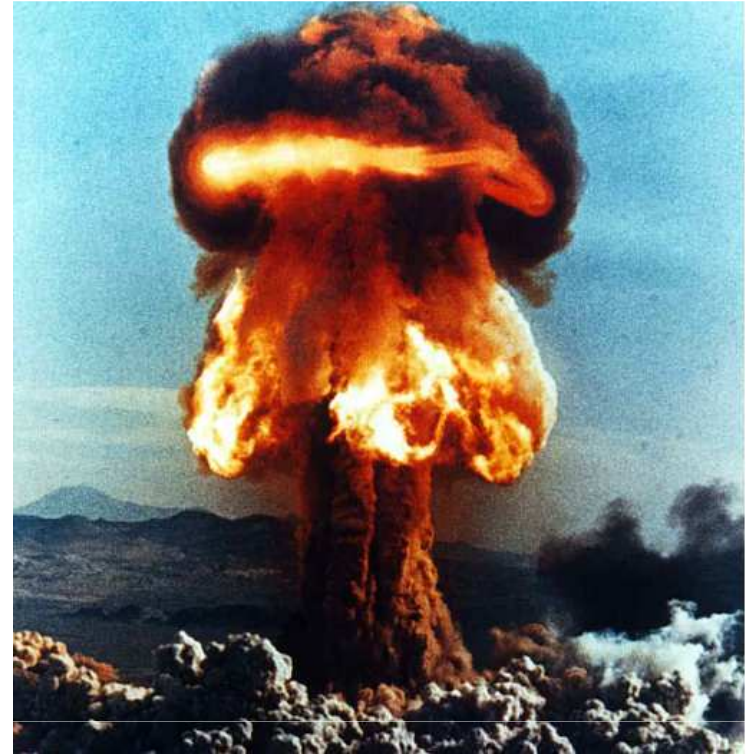
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Categories:

1. Government sponsored
2. Aircraft
3. Naval vessels
4. Automobiles
5. Semiconductors
6. Computers
7. Appliances
8. Communications

Manhattan Project

- **Time frame:** 1940's
- **Cost:** 2 Billion 1945 \$
- **People involved:** over 130,000
- **Key Sites:** Los Alamos, NM, Oak Ridge, TN and Hanford, WA
- **Result:** Two Atomic Bombs - which ended World War II
- **Key Leaders:** Dr R. Oppenheimer & Gen Leslie Groves
- **Personal Note:** Met several Manhattan Project contributors at Sandia Labs



NASA and the Apollo Space Mission

- President Kennedy Initiative
- Timeframe: 1963-1972
- "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind"
- Cost: 25 Billion 1973 \$
- Many, many technological fringe benefits



Neil Armstrong - 1969
First man on the moon

Boeing B17 "Flying Fortress"



Boeing B-17E

- High altitude, long range, WW II Bomber
- Timeframe: 1934-1968 (13 air-worthy in 2011)
- Development Leaders: G. Emory & E. Wells
- Dropped most bombs in WW II
- Rugged, reliable - "wing & prayer"

Lockheed SR71 "Blackbird"



- None ever shot down
- Developed in "skunk works"
- Champion: Kelly Johnson - aeronautical genius
- Timeframe: 1964-1988
- Very, very fast (mach 3+), very, very high altitude, spy plane with stealth features

Nuclear Submarine



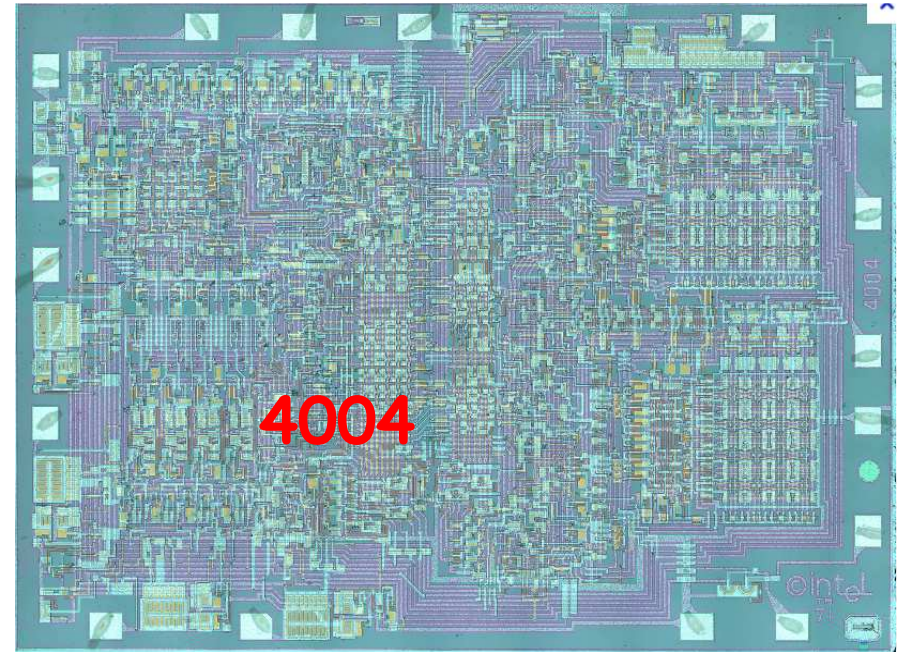
- Capable of operating for months without resurfacing
- Champion: Admiral Hyman Rickover
- Nautilus launched in 1954
- Carried Polaris ICBM's (first tested in 1960)
- Perhaps cold war's most awesome weapon

Ford Mustang



- Very popular "sports-car-like" coupe
- Time Frame: 1964 to the present
- Champion: Lee Iacocca
- 400,000 sold in first model year (record)
- Personal: We owned a 1965 Ford Fastback

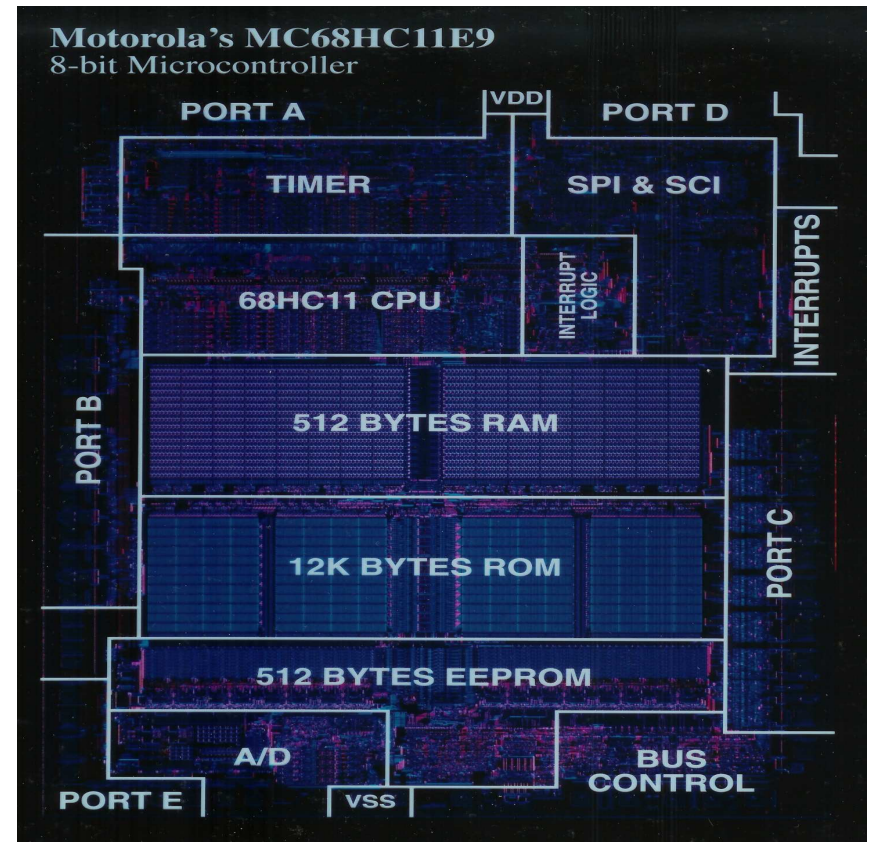
Intel Microprocessor



- First MPU (4004)
Introduced in 1971
- Programmable calculator chip: 4-bit, 10um
- Key contributor: Federico Faggin
- Intel is now one of the world's most valuable companies
- Personal: Met Faggin at IEEE conferences

Motorola 68HC11 Microcontroller

- Introduced in 1984
- Champion: Jim Sibigtroth
- Benchmark Microcontroller for two decades
- First MCU with embedded EEPROM
- Rich complement of on-chip peripherals
- Helped Motorola MCU Division reach 2B 1995 \$



Personal Computer The IBM PC

- Introduced in 1981
- CPU: Intel 8088
- Developed by a team led by Don Estridge at Boca Raton, Florida
- Featured an open architecture - allowed many software compatible copies and software "apps"
- IBM sold PC Business to Lenovo in 2005; Intel & Microsoft kept control - and became very rich



Microwave Oven



- Microwave heating effect **discovered by accident** in 1945 by Dr Percy Spencer at Raytheon while working on advanced Radar
- First food cooked was popcorn
- 90% of American households now own one

Apple iPhone "Smartest Smart Phone"



- Introduced in 2007 - accelerated the smart phone revolution
- Champion: Steve Jobs - his legacy product
- Apple is now the most valuable company on earth !
- Steve Jobs may be recognized as the "Henry Ford" of this century



On the B-17

- It was neither the largest nor the heaviest
- It did not carry the heaviest bomb load
- Other aircraft were faster and could fly farther
- It was not built in the greatest number
- It was not a great many things
- But all agree she was The Greatest Bomber that ever took to the skies.

On the B-17

She was ... rugged ... steady ... stable ...
reliable.

These are the ingredients from which
great machines are made.

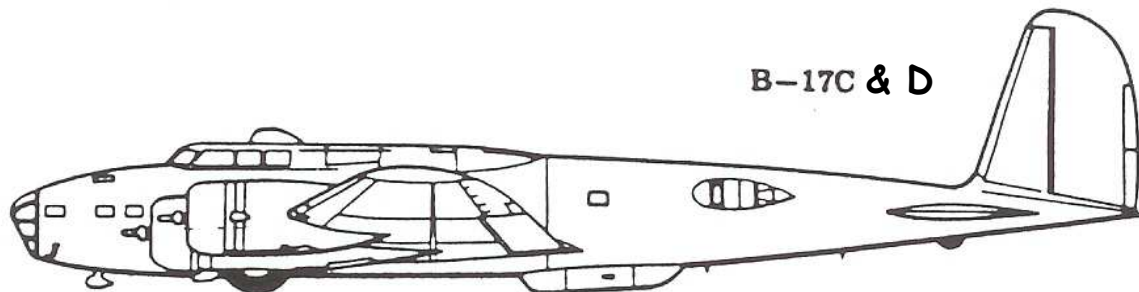
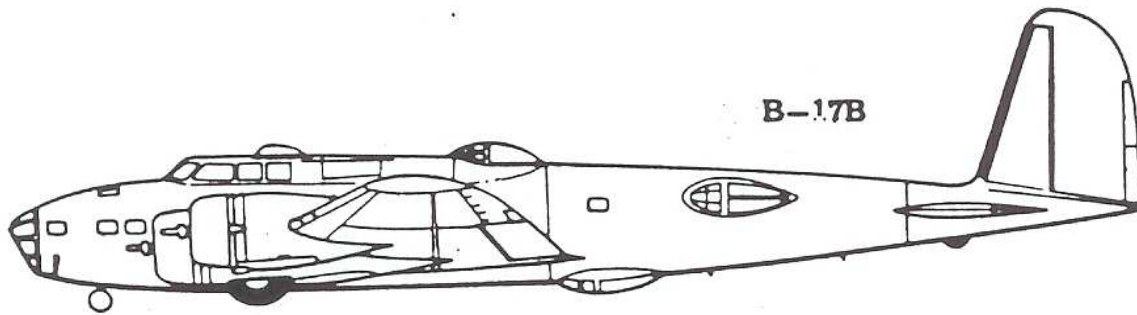
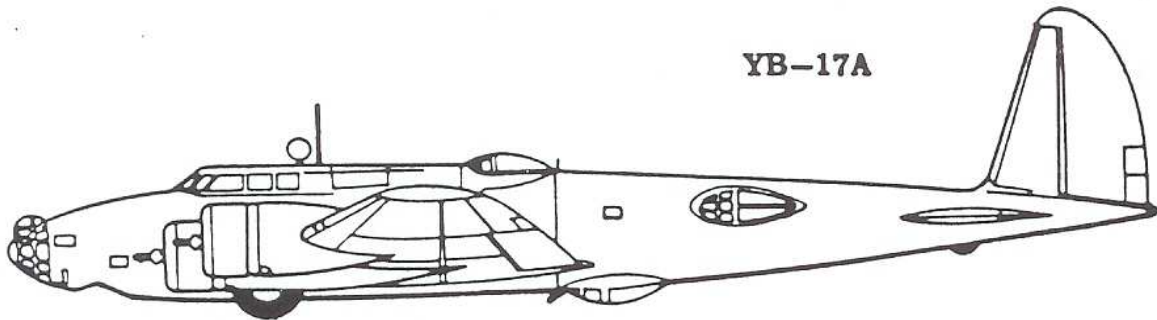
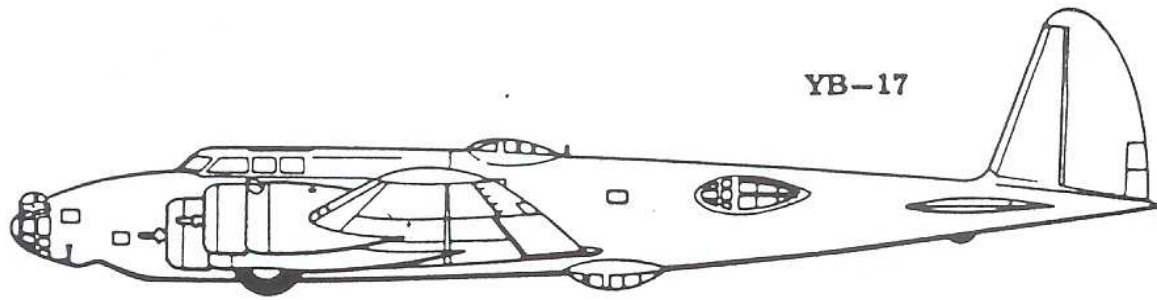
The B-17 was a pilot's airplane!

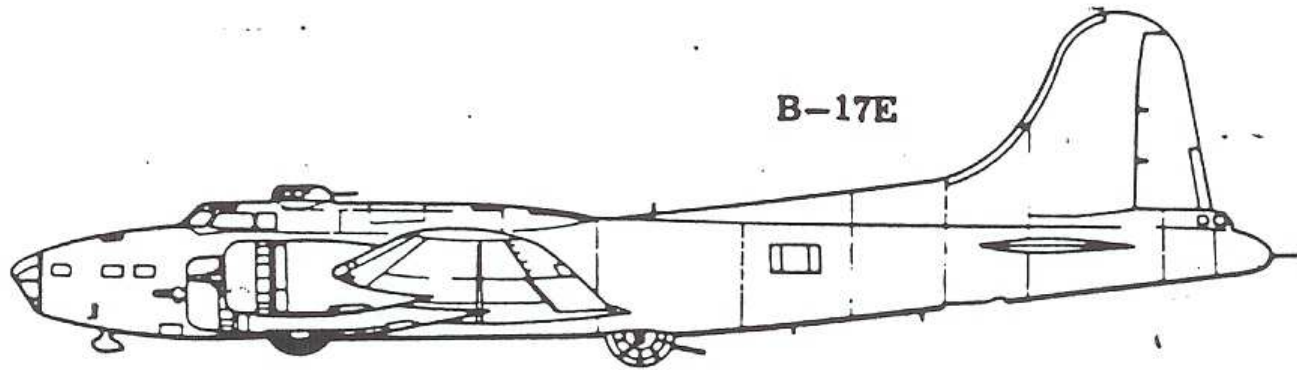
[RGD note: the B17 used electric
controls - as opposed to hydraulic]

B-17 Production History

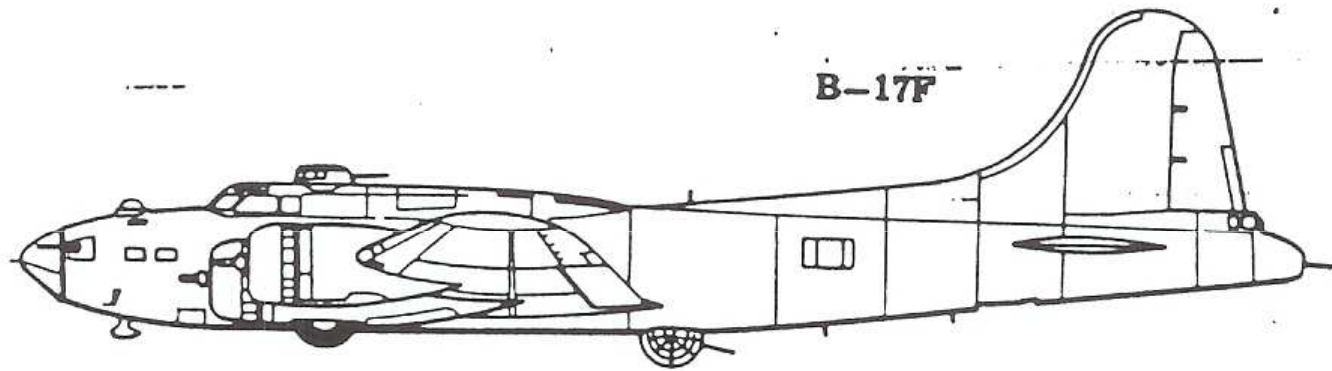
1935 MOD 299 1 (crashed)
YB17 13 (# 1 crashed)
YB17A 1 (?)
B17B 39 (Navy squabble)
B17C 38 (RAF action: NG)
1941 B17D 42 (Half lost in first week)
134 planes total

Boeing nearly bankrupt!

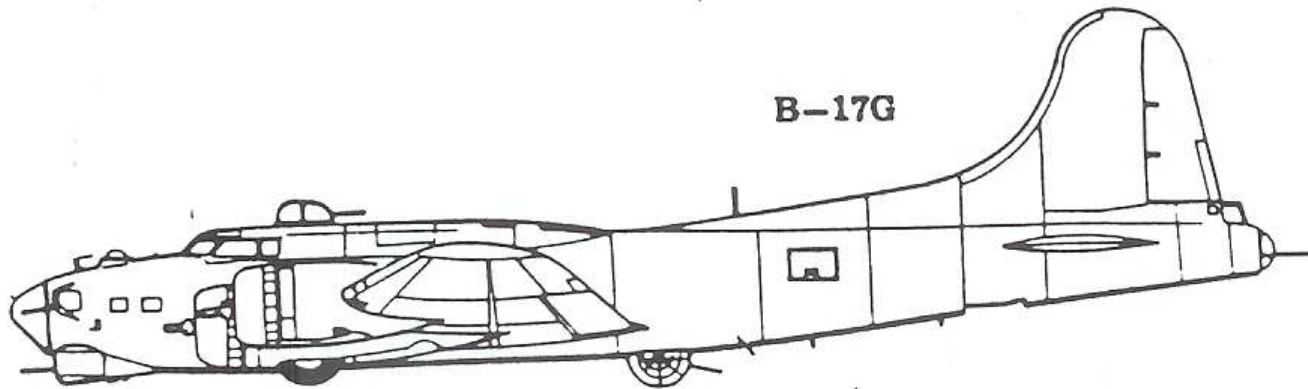




B-17E



B-17F



B-17G

B-17 Production History

1942 B17E 512

1942/43... B17F 3,405

1943/44... B17G 8,680

All Legends!



BOEING B-17G

Wing Span:103' 9"
Length:74' 9"
Gross Weight:65,500 lbs.
Top Speed:302 m.p.h.
Cruising Speed:160 m.p.h.
Range:3,400 miles
Service Ceiling:35,600 feet
Power:Four 1,200 h.p. engines
Armament:13 .50-caliber machine guns
Bomb Load:8,000 lbs.
Crew:10

ALUMINUM OVERCAST

**B-17 Flying
Fortress**

More on the B-17

From the B-17, Boeing went on to build: the B-29, B36, B47 & B-52; (the B-52 is still in active military service today).

And, commercial aircraft: the 707, 727, 737, 747, 757 (many of which are still flying).



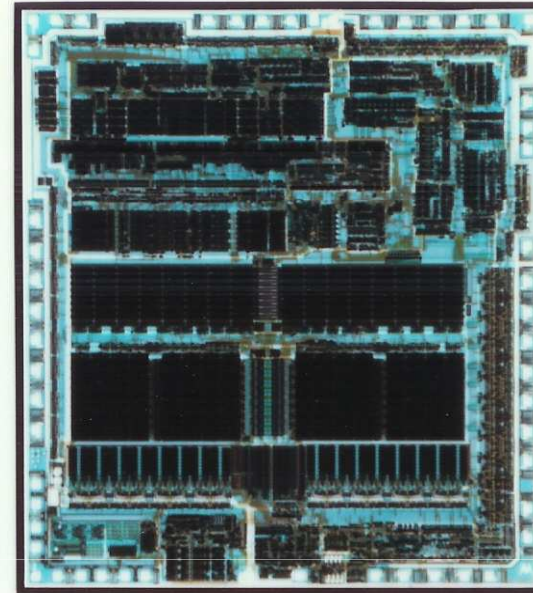


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**First Silicon: 1984
Introduction: 1985**

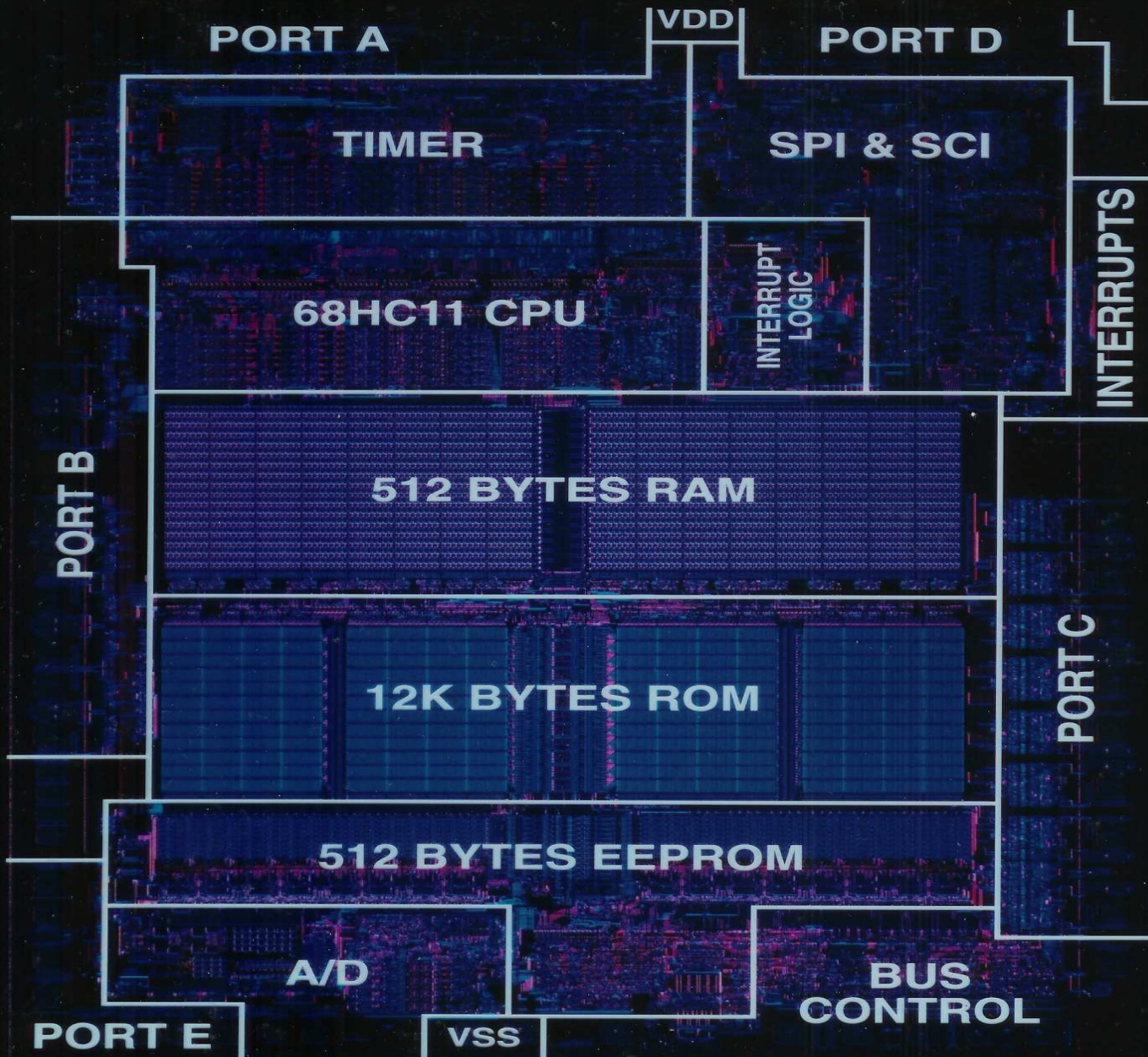
MC68HC11A8 SINGLE CHIP HCMOS MICROCOMPUTER

- **DIE SIZE: 250 × 275 MILS (2 MICRON HCMOS)**
- **TRANSISTOR COUNT: 127,000**
- **PACKAGE: 52 PIN PLCC (OR 48 PIN DIP)**
- **FREQUENCY: 2.1 MHz BUS AT 5 V SUPPLY
(1 MHz AT 3 V)**
- **RAM: 256 BYTES (512 ON 'E8)**
- **ROM: 8K BYTES**
- **EEPROM: 512 BYTES—BYTE ERASE**
- **PARALLEL I/O: 40 PINS BIDIRECTIONAL SOFTWARE PROGRAMMABLE (27 INPUTS MAX, 29 OUTPUTS MAX) PLUS INTERRUPT AND RESET**
- **SERIAL I/O: SERIAL COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACE (SCI) FOR INTER-PROCESSOR COMMUNICATIONS, AND SERIAL PERIPHERAL INTERFACE (SPI) FOR PERIPHERAL EXPANSION**
- **ANALOG TO DIGITAL CONVERTER: 8 CHANNELS, 8 BIT ACCURACY**
- **TIMER: 16 BIT "6801 TYPE," 3 INPUT CAPTURE, 5 OUTPUT COMPARE REGISTERS (or 4 & 4 ON 'E8)**
- **CPU: 8-BIT "6801 TYPE" UPWARD OBJECT CODE COMPATIBLE, PLUS SECOND INDEX REGISTER, BIT MANIPULATION, STOP AND WAIT, INTEGER AND FRACTIONAL 16-BIT DIVIDE**
- **SYSTEM FAILURE PROTECTION: WATCH DOG TIMER, TRAP ON ILLEGAL OP CODE, RESET ON CLOCK FAILURE**
- **DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT: HDS300, EVM BOARD, EVB, THIRD PARTY**
- **OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS: MC68HC811A2 (2K EEPROM), MC68HC811A8 (8.5K EEPROM) 1987, MC68HC11E8 IN 1987, MC68HC811D4/MC68HC11D4 (LOW COST VERSION) 1987**



Motorola's MC68HC11E9

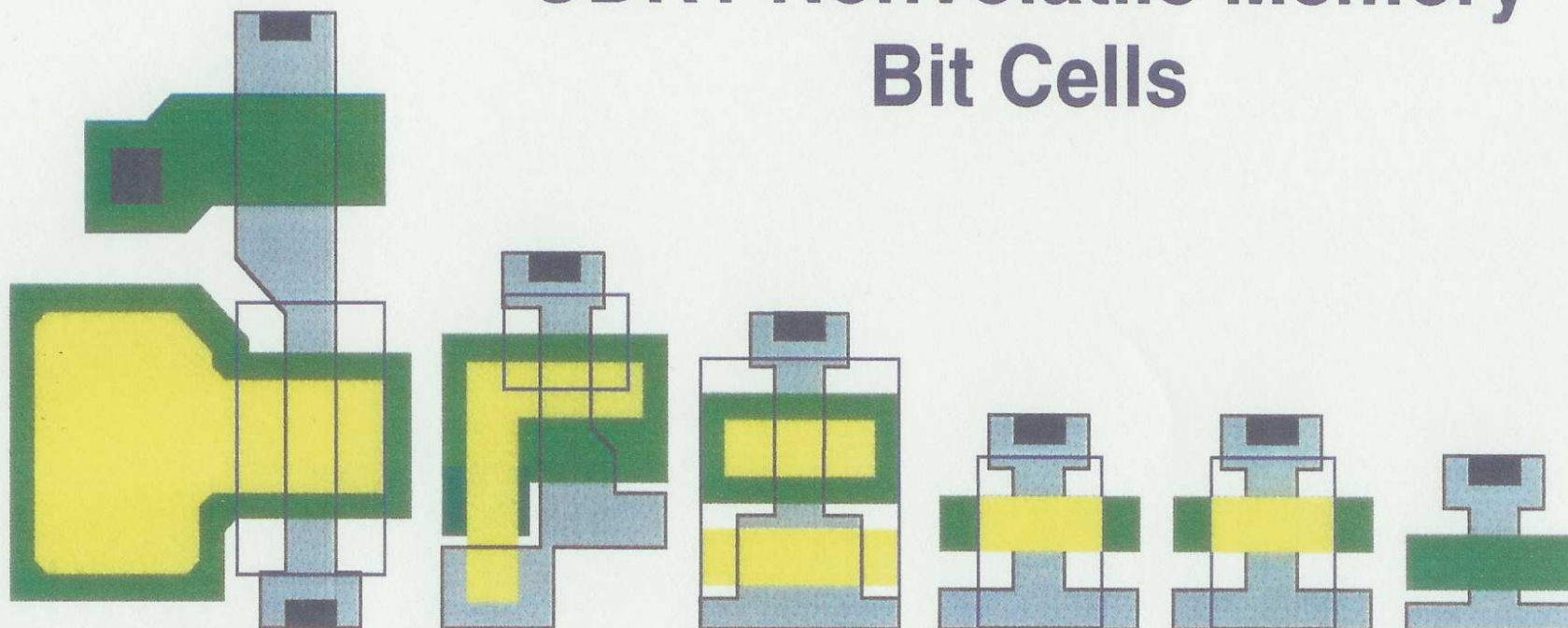
8-bit Microcontroller



'HC11 Challenges

- Customer Demand terrific
- Initial wafer (probe) yield terrible
- Initial final test yield terrible
- Initial (sample) Burn-in yield terrible
- Production cycle time was terrible
- P & L statement terrible
- Product on allocation
- New Operations Manager (me)
- Five Wafer Fabs involved

UDR1 Nonvolatile Memory Bit Cells



EEPROM

1.5 Transistor
FLASH
EEPROM

2 Transistor
SOURCE-
SELECT FLASH
EEPROM

1 Transistor FLASH
EEPROM

SELF-ALIGNED
EPROM

ROM

IN PRODUCTION

IN PRODUCTION

IN DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPMENT

IN PRODUCTION

IN PRODUCTION

Byte-Programmable
and Erasable

Electrically
Erasable

Low Voltage

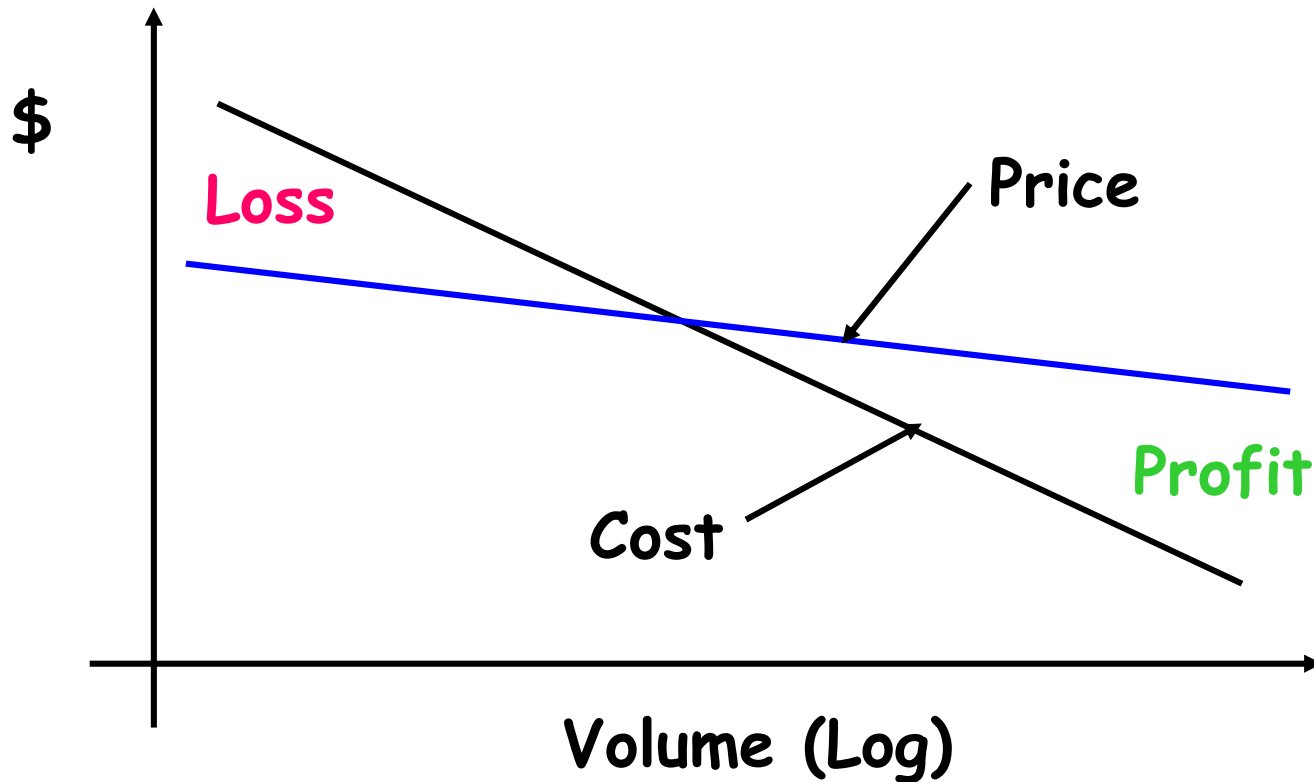
High Density

UV Erase

Mask-
Programmed

Learning Curve Pricing

A 75% Learning Curve means the cost will be reduced by 25% every time the volume doubles. This is typical in the semiconductor industry.

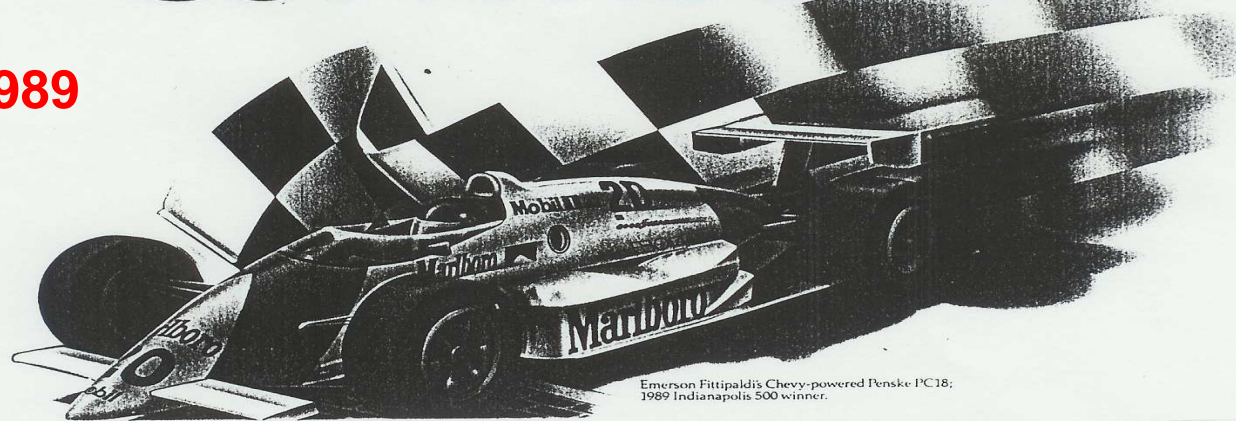


'HC11 Major Actions

- Formed special 40 person Task Force
- Staffing mis-match corrected
- **Daily lunch meetings**
- Bench-marked wafer fabs - TSC best
- Implemented 100% "smart burn-in"
- **Prioritized customers - most painful**
- No "silver bullet" - many 2-5% fixes

GENTLEMEN, START YOUR MICRO- CONTROLLERS.

1989



Emerson Fittipaldi's Chevy-powered Penske PC18,
1989 Indianapolis 500 winner.

Two hundred miles an hour is no place for a mistake. At that speed there's no time for hesitation, only quick, reliable, accurate performance. That's why the Indianapolis 500 is considered the toughest test of a racer's equipment. It's also why Motorola microcontrollers were there, and how they won.

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The Phone.



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The Rebel.



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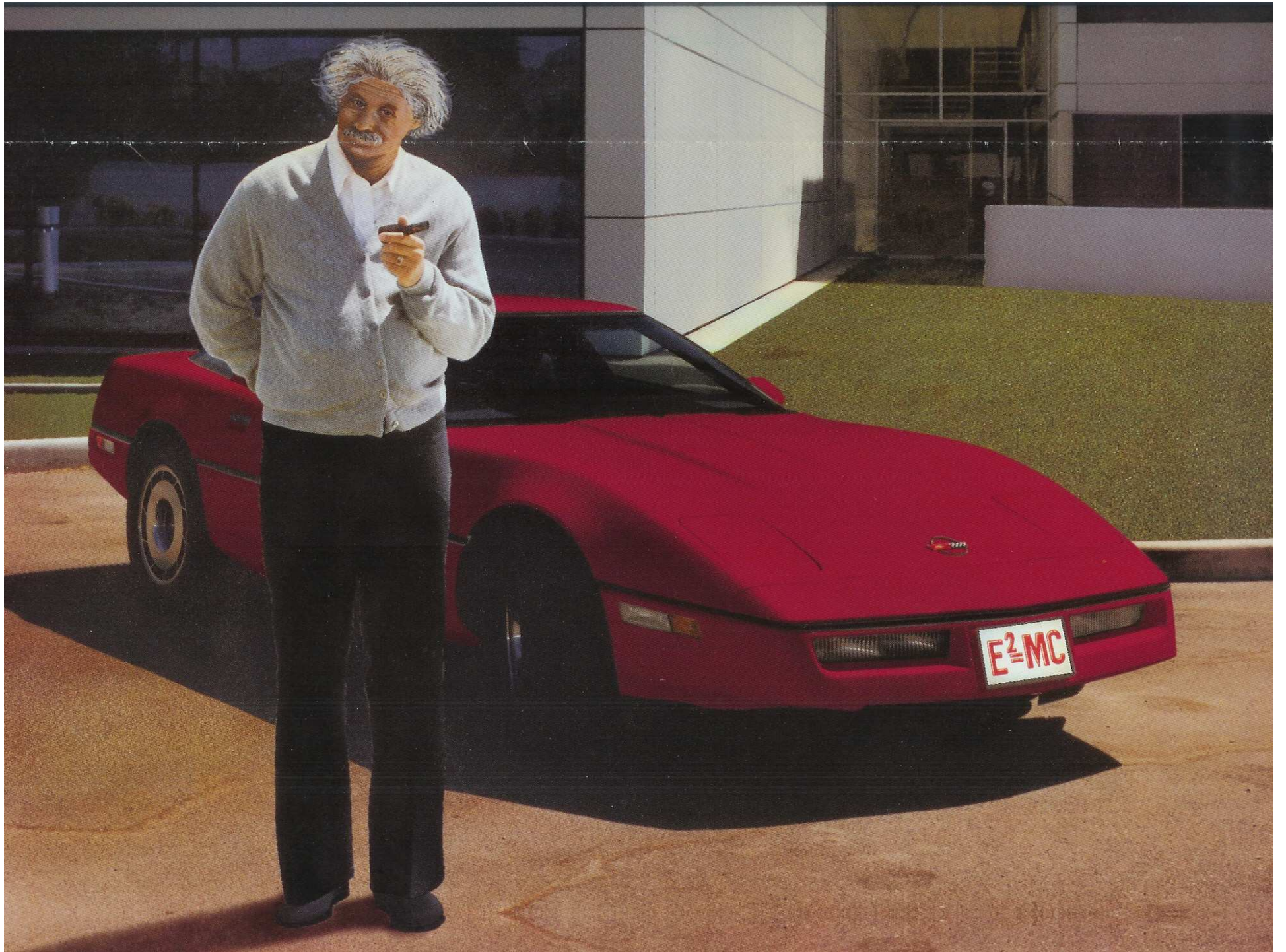
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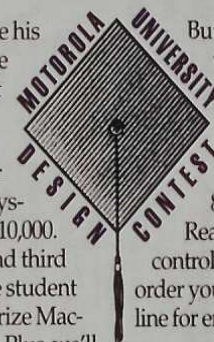
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First prize in the final judging for undergraduates is a Macintosh II system with a laser printer, valued at \$10,000. Second prize is a Macintosh II. And third prize is a Macintosh SE. Graduate student entries will compete for a grand prize Macintosh II system with laser printer. Plus, we'll

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Address _____

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Country _____ Telephone (____) _____

University _____

Sponsoring Professor (if known) _____

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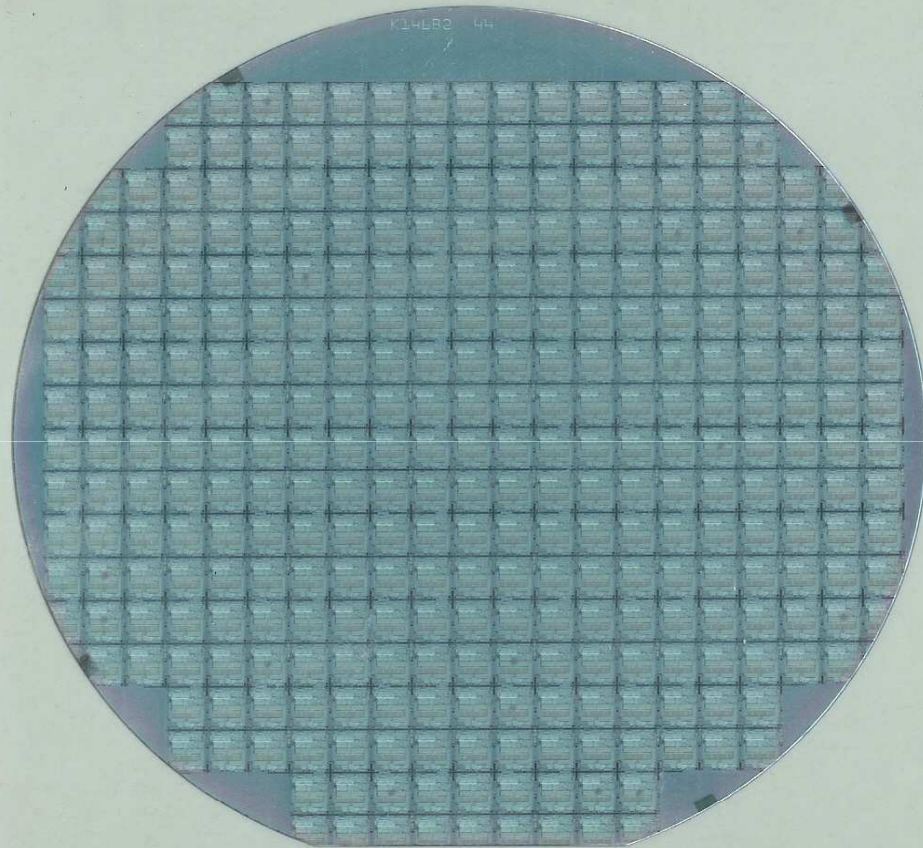
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3C96N SC98012
98.2% (277 dpw)
0.06 D/cm²

**MADE
IN
MOS 5**

December 1991 (ww 48)

'HC11 Legacy

- Pioneered embedded EEPROM memory
 - Most MCU's today offer (block erase) embedded Flash EEPROM program memory
 - **Most MCU's with embedded Flash employ 100% burn-in to screen out infant mortality**
- The 'HC11 was replaced by the 'HC12 which continues in moderate volume production today
- **Peripherals on the 'HC11 have been used (and copied by others) on many later model MCU's**
- Microcontrollers remain Freescale's largest and most profitable Division

Legendary Engineering Success Stories: Key Factors

- **Leadership** – Genius and/or Bulldog (“Champion” or “Boot-Legger”)
- **Sponsor** with vision (“God-Father”)
- Right place at right time and knew what to do about it

Leslie Richard Groves, Jr.



Major General Leslie R. Groves

Manhattan Project Director

First, General Groves is the biggest S.O.B. I have ever worked for. He is most demanding. He is most critical. He is always a driver, never a praiser. He is abrasive and sarcastic. He disregards all normal organizational channels. He is extremely intelligent. He has the guts to make difficult, timely decisions. He is the most egotistical man I know. He knows he is right and so sticks by his decision. He abounds with energy

Hyman George Rickover



Rickover pictured in 1955 as rear admiral (upper half)

Nickname "Father of the Nuclear Navy"

Hyperactive, political, blunt, confrontational, insulting, flamboyant, and an unexcelled **workaholic** who was always demanding of others — without regard for rank or position — as well as himself, Admiral Rickover was a thundering force of nature and lightning rod for controversy. Moreover, he had "little tolerance for mediocrity, none for stupidity." "If a man is dumb," said a Chicago friend, "Rickover thinks he ought to be dead."^[41] Even while a Captain, Rickover did not conceal his opinions, and many of the officers he regarded as dumb eventually rose in rank to be admirals and were assigned to the Pentagon.^[42]

Steve Jobs



Jobs holding a white iPhone 4 at Worldwide Developers Conference 2010



Steve Jobs and Bill Gates at the fifth *D: All Things Digital* conference (D5) in 2007

Jobs was a demanding perfectionist^{[109][110]} who always aspired to position his businesses and their products at the forefront of the information technology industry by foreseeing and setting trends, at least in innovation and style. He summed up that self-concept at the end of his keynote speech at the [Macworld Conference and Expo](#) in January 2007, by quoting ice hockey player [Wayne Gretzky](#)

There's an old Wayne Gretzky quote that I love. 'I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been.' And we've always tried to do that at Apple. Since the very very beginning. And we always will.

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