

## **Office Products Division**

The birth of IBM's Office Products Division can be thought of as the purchase of the Electromatic Typewriter company in 1933 and its demise the sale of Lexmark International by IBM to Clayton & Dubilier Inc. in 1991.

During that period, the company became a full IBM Division (Electric Typewriter Division) in 1955 and changed its name to Office Products Division in 1964.

The Division was responsible for the marketing of the world's first successful Electric Typewriter, proportional spacing, the Selectric “Golf ball” typewriter, Magnetic Tape Typewriters, Magnetic Card Typewriters, Copiers, and the world's first inkjet printer (1976).

The Division's magnetic media based devices, from the Magnetic Tape Selectric Typewriter (1964) to Office System/6 (1977) and Displaywriter System (1980) were some of the most successful dedicated Word Processing equipments until displaced by the Personal Computer running Word Processing Software in the late 1980s.