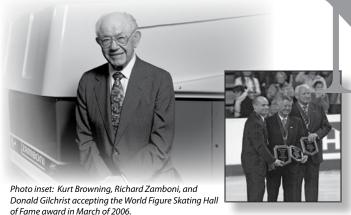
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## ZAMBONI HONORED WITH HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

In 1961, Frank Zamboni was a founder and charter member of the Ice Skating Institute of America. So, it was with great pride that Frank accepted his induction into the ISIA Hall of Fame. In 1988, Frank received an honorary Doctorate of Engineering from Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY. In June of 2000, Frank Zamboni was inducted posthumously into the United States Figure Skating Hall of Fame, joining a long list of skating icons including many whom Frank had worked with over the years.

In March of 2006, Frank's son, Richard Zamboni was on hand in Calgary, AB, Canada to celebrate the induction of his father into the World Figure Skating Museum Hall of Fame. The induction ceremonies took place during the 2006 World Championships in Calgary and included skating legends Kurt Browning and Robin Cousins. Most recently, the National Inventors Hall of Fame recognized the innovative spirit and accomplishments of Frank Zamboni with an induction that took place in May of 2007 in Akron, Ohio.

## ZAMBONI HISTORY: "COOLEST MACHINES"

The Coolest

Machines on te

After years of research, interviews and countless hours poring through the Zamboni Company photo archives, Voyageur Press has published "Zamboni: The Coolest Machines On Ice", by Eric Dregni. The 128 page hard cover book chronicles the invention and evolution of the Zamboni ice resurfacing machine with rare photos and fun stories and

facts. There are some amazing never-beforeseen images from the Zamboni Company's past and a few stories gathered by the author during his interviews with machine operators and arena staff abroad. You can find the book on our web site, through other on-line retailers and in book stores.

#### **ZAMBONI "WORLD TOUR"**

Zamboni ice resurfacing machines have truly seen the world! The machines are on all seven continents and can be found in urban settings, remote locations and sometimes, with an unexpected second calling. The machines are built in our Paramount, California and Brantford, Ontario factory locations and are normally shipped via enclosed truck trailers over the road to their new owners. In one instance, a machine was sent by air to its future home in New York for a customer with more immediate resurfacing needs.

With a rather long life expectancy, from time to time we will hear stories of machines that began resurfacing on one coast, only to end up in service on the "other" coast in their later days. Some of the vintage machines which have been restored (including the Model B No. 4 in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame) have had productive careers at





Machine being loaded into an aircraft heading for New York.



Zamboni machine on an open rink in Toronto, Canada

numerous facilities. In its first year alone, No. 4 traveled to more than two dozen cities in service for the Ice Capades tour. It ended up in Los Alamos, NM resurfacing an outdoor rink high in the mountains. The Zamboni Company acquired and restored the machine for its "induction" into the Hall of Fame display in Eveleth, Minnesota.

While North America may have a larger hockey following, Zamboni machines can be found everywhere from Australia to Zurich. Europe has a strong interest in skating and ice sports are growing in popularity in China and other locations not necessarily known for skating and hockey. The world wide presence of Zamboni is maintained by our Authorized Dealers. Our dealers have the ability to service the machines whether their home is in Japan or Jakarta - Saskatchewan or Switzerland. The support for our product extends far beyond their place of manufacture.

Recently, the first production electric Zamboni machine (Model 552) originally

delivered in 1990 was restored and has begun a new life making ice in the Arctic Circle. With new facilities on the horizon around the world and with machines resurfacing everywhere from sunny Florida to chilly polar climates, we're continually reminded of the global affinity for ice related activities.

#### **ZAMBONI IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

There have been numerous references to the Zamboni ice resurfacer in the media. From newspaper articles and comic strips to television and the silver screen, Zamboni machines have been featured in many media outlets.

One of the most memorable story lines involves Snoopy® the beloved beagle, who apparently is quite a hockey fan. The first "Zamboni" mention in a PEANUTS comic strip was in 1980 and throughout the rest of his work, Charles Schulz included the name "Zamboni" or the likeness of the Zamboni machine in close to 50 comic strips and in a television special.

Over the years, Zamboni machines have been featured in TV commercials and print ads. In these ads, there have been some rather famous "drivers" of the machine, including Wayne Gretzky, Dave Thomas from "Wendy's", Richard Petty, Dale Earnhart, Jr. and even "Spuds MacKenzie". The photo at bottom left shows a print ad being shot on location at the birthplace of the Zamboni machine, Paramount Iceland.

Some interesting television shows have profiled the history of the Zamboni Company and the operation of the machine itself. Keep an eye out for repeat performances of the Zamboni segments on these shows:

Made in America
Things That Move
Guts and Bolts
California's Gold
Junkyard Wars
Hands on History
Monster Garage
Some Assembly Required
Modern Marvels
How Things Work



A "goalie's eye view" of the machine hard at work during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. Photo - David Klutho

Occasionally, the machine will sneak across the screen during an NHL game, a figure skating competition or during a world event, such as the Winter Olympic Games. However, the machines are often hard at work in the background as an "extra" in a movie or on a TV show. The machine has even had "drive-on" roles in movies such as EdTV, Mystery Alaska and Ice Princess.

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation went inside the Zamboni ice resurfacer to find clues to a crime on ice. Carla's husband on "Cheers" had a "Zamboni connection", Johnny Carson and Jay Leno had fun with their Zamboni mentions on the Tonight Show and David Letterman created a Zamboni machine "showdown" on 57th Avenue in Manhattan for his show. Numerous TV shows have referenced the machines for fun and learning and the list continues to grow. Stay tuned!



A Model 552 is the "star" of a print advertising campaign shot at Paramount Iceland.



Richard Zamboni and Jesse James at the Zamboni factory in Paramount during a shoot for "Monster Garage".



2007 World Allround Speed Skating Championships in Herrenveen, Holland.

### A LOOK BACK AT CANADA'S FIRST ELECTRIC MACHINE

Left: Fifteen machines were on hand in Torino, Italy for the 2006 Winter Olympic Games.

In July of 1983, The Zamboni Company shipped Zamboni Machine No. 3065, a Model 550 electric resurfacer to the West Edmonton Mall in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. This machine was the first electric Zamboni ice resurfacer delivered to a Canadian customer and had a very unique environment. The machine spent its days resurfacing the ice sheet enclosed within the mall, where skaters could take to the ice underneath a spectacular skylight. No. 3065 would go on to resurface for the next 23 years, finally reaching retirement and being replaced by a 2007 Zamboni Model 552 electric resurfacer.



## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE ZAMBONI ICE RESURFACER



In 1957, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) contacted the Zamboni Company to ask about the turning radius of the Zamboni ice resurfacer. As a result, they amended their "rule book" to allow for the ice resurfacing machine's specifications.

The blade on the Zamboni machine is designed especially for ice resurfacing. It is

sharp enough to slice through thick stacks of newsprint, weighs 57 pounds and is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick.

When the machine resurfaces the ice, it is capable of removing close to 2,500 pounds of compacted snow, while it can leave behind about 1,500 pounds of water.

The shape of the Zamboni ice resurfacing machine (like the shapes of the Jeep® grille and the Coca-Cola® bottle) is a federally registered trademark.



In February of 2005, Canadian McDonalds restaurants introduced a miniature version of the Zamboni ice resurfacing machine for a Happy Meal™ toy promotion.

Road & Track magazine performed a "road test" on the Zamboni Model 500 ice resurfacing machine in April of 2005.

At approximately ¾ of a mile per resurfacing, if there are four resurfacings per game, the machines travel an average of three miles during each hockey game.

In 1999, over a million fans visited the Zamboni Company's website to vote for their favorite Zamboni machine operator during the company's 50th Anniversary celebration.

The NHL All Star FANtasy Week held January of 2002 at the Staples Center in California. In celebration of the arrival of the Stanley Cup® trophy, a Zamboni machine parade made its way through the streets of Los Angeles.



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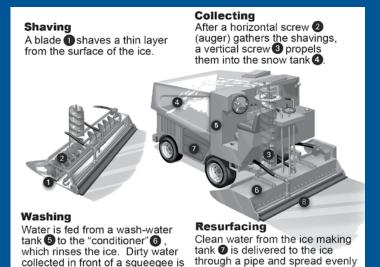
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In 2007 the Zamboni Company marked its 40th year in Canada. Frank Zamboni expanded his U.S. operation in 1967 with an additional factory located in Brantford, Ontario.

by a towel pulled across the ice

behind the conditioner (8)

#### HOW THE ZAMBONI ICE RESURFACING MACHINE WORKS



#### **PRESERVING HISTORY:**

#### **Vintage Machine Restorations**



Model A

The very first Zamboni machine resurfacing in Vancouver for the NHL All Star Old Timers' Game in 1998 after a two-year restoration.



Model E21

Restored and is now on display at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, Canada.



**Model F245** 

The Zamboni factory completed a two year restoration in 2005.



Model B4

Restored between 1973 and 1976 and is now on display in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame.



Model E34

On display at Paramount Iceland and has traveled around the country for special events.



Model JR546

Restored in 2001 and has a home in our Brantford, Ontario factory in Canada.



**Model JR574** 

Restored between 2002 and 2003, shown resurfacing the ice at Iceland.



#### Model K757

Resurfacing after its 2004 restoration at Paramount Iceland.

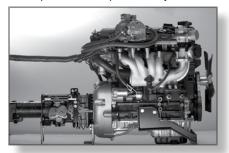
The Zamboni Company has over five decades worth of history in the form of photographs, documents, and other unique memorabilia in its archives. Recently, an effort to restore selected historic machines has begun, resulting in a collection of vintage machines which have been accurately rebuilt.

#### PRODUCT INNOVATION

The employees of the Zamboni Company constantly evaluate the details of the machines which they produce. There is no part on the machine which has not been closely examined and faced the challenge of increased effiency and better performance.

A recent introduction is our Model 545 with a new CARB/EPA certified Hyundai 2.0 liter engine which incorporates multi port fuel injection with

our continuously variable hydrostatic technology. The Model 445 and Model 525 feature a GM 3.0 liter four cylinder overhead valve engine which is powerful, efficient and can provide significant fuel savings.



We introduced the first production model electric

machines in 1978. Since then, the continual evolution of our electric powered resurfacers has resulted in electronic controls with easier access, enhanced management functions and increased battery performance and life. The Model 552 electric powered resurfacer has seen a steady increase in its demand. There have been exciting developments in the electric powered machine industry and the Model 552 has integrated many of the newest technologies to enhance its performance. The onboard diagnostics allow for vehicle management functions such as motor brush wear sensors and the ability to trouble-shoot from the operator's seat.

The Zamboni product line ranges from ice edgers and specialized small studio rink resurfacers to our Model 700, which has the widest shaving surface and close to twice the water capacity of our 500 Series machines. Zamboni ice resurfacers have the tightest turning radius and the highest snow compaction in the industry. With the industry's lowest cost of operation and the highest residual value, Zamboni ice resurfacers remain the overwhelming choice of arena owners and operators around the world. Frank Zamboni's innovative spirit lives on in the company he founded.





Above: The Model 545 Right: An open chassis view of the Model 552.

#### Learn more about the Zamboni Company

The Zamboni Company archives are available for your enjoyment on-line at www.zamboni.com. Visitors to the site have the ability to see photos of vintage machines, obtain current brochures and specs for each Zamboni model and order special Zamboni machine themed apparel and accessories.



Visit ZAMBONI at www.zamboni.com

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#### **MILESTONE MACHINES**

In June of 2005, the University of Minnesota's Mariucci and Ridder Arena (home to the Golden Gopher Hockey Teams) welcomed Zamboni Machine No. 8000 to their ice surface. This machine, a Zamboni Model 540, celebrates a long history of Zamboni machines in the



Minnesota area. The very first Zamboni machine in Minnesota (No. 37, a Model F) was originally delivered to the St. Paul Arena in 1956 and is now on display in the Excel Energy Center. Another memorable Zamboni machine, Machine No. 7,000 was delivered to the Minnesota Wild of the National Hockey League during their inaugural season.

In November of 1997, Richard Zamboni took to the NHL ice during the delivery of machine No. 6,000. The machine was turned over to its new "driver", legendary machine operator Al Sobotka of the Detroit Red Wings during a ceremony at the Joe Louis Arena.



Machine No. 8,500 surrounded by employees of the Zamboni Canada facility.

In March of 2007, the Zamboni Company delivered Machine No. 8,500 to the City of Kitchener, Ontario in Canada. The Model 440 machine is used for the city's seasonal outdoor rink in front of City Hall and replaces a machine with fourteen years of service.

A visit to our archived photographs shows a long history of celebration surrounding milestone machines.

Images of the factories' employees and future machine owners alike posing by the resurfacers being readied for the trip to their new home.



Frank Zamboni handing the keys of machine No. 1,500 to Pat Stapleton, NHL star, in 1972 for his rink in Downer's Grove, Illinois.



Frank and Norda Zamboni in front of machine No. 3,000 bound for Southfield, Michigan in 1980.



Frank and Norda Zamboni in front of machine No. 1,400 enroute to its new home, Pontiac Michigan. July 1972

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Milestone machine No. 5,000 before shipment to Tokyo, Japan.

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