

# GILLETTE HISTORY

## 1955 - 2003

Paul Gillette founded this company in 1955 at White Pigeon, Michigan. After 12 years of generator production, the company was sold to Workinger Electric, the Onan Generator distributor for Indiana. Through the next 8 years, the GILLETTE line was expanded to 6 different models.

Present ownership by Theresa Uribe, Christopher Habic, & Charlie Habic represents 31 years of generator manufacturing. During this time, we have introduced generator models of many different styles and sizes. Initially, we became a specialist in exporting gen-sets with little regard to the domestic market. Our philosophy changed after the recession years of the late 1970's and early 1980's. Then we began an aggressive sales campaign throughout the USA.

During 1984, GILLETTE became aware of the great benefits of a brushless generator design. After 2 years of development, GILLETTE introduced the first, all USA made, brushless "Power-Assist" generator. Today, we are considered the pioneer in this field of brushless generators.

The very special electric loads that were just beginning to be developed in the early 1990's and will be common place within the next 10-15 years, present yet another problem for small portable generator users. Load sensitive equipment such as computers, radio transmitters, uninterrupted power supplies, and a vast array of new equipment now coming into the marketplace demand clean power. Equipment such as this, and also burglar alarms, garage door operators, automatic sprinkler systems, or even the electronic ignition system on your home furnace, have microprocessors and solid state memory chips that will be destroyed by the typical 2-pole generator set, of today's design, that produces an average 25% to 40% harmful harmonic distortions of it's wave-form (sine-wave).

We know this and ***We have acted!*** GILLETTE has re-designed its generator set, in 1992 to provide a 5% voltage regulation with an average 6% harmonic distorted sine wave for a very clean and safe power source for any type electric load. To put this feature in perspective, normal commercial power yields an average 3% harmonic distorted sine waves. This commercial power is below the required 10% distortion factor for all voltage sensitive electric loads, so it is safe to use. All of our gen-sets are also below this 10% level. Again, we are first with a gen-set that is safe for all plugged-in loads, and we call it "KLEEN-POWER".

Today, GILLETTE offers the largest selection of portable, 3600 RPM brushless generators in a vast array of styles and sizes, all produced at our plant in Indiana, with the latest in automatic winding equipment and testing procedures. Also produced is a full line of 4-pole 1800 RP< standby gen-sets in lpg, natural gas, and diesel fuel. We invite our customers and potential customer prospects to visit our facilities and view in person, how a generator of the 21st century, is produced, today.

The present challenge is to produce a high quality, reliable standby generator set in a wide kw variety that will complement the ever questionable reliability of commercial power.

We know this and ***We have acted again.*** In 1997 Gillette designed a series of home and small commercial standby generators in sizes 9 kw to 135 kw, in both 2-pole and 4-pole design, with a choice of LPG, Natural Gas, or Diesel fuel. We felt the time was right for an Automatic Start-Stop Generator in a compact all weather and sound protected housing, to be available. The timing proved correct, as the late 1990's booming economy has created a demand for electrical power, that will far exceed commercial power production. This will result in power interruptions, "Brown-Outs", "Black-Outs", and low voltage conditions and a total un-reliability factor for commercial power in the 21st century.

*We are ready, with the largest selection of portable and standby, generators that yield clean, reliable and quality emergency power with super-quiet and long operating service life, for this coming century.*

**Our Mission is Simple: To produce the highest quality, temporary emergency power generator set, that will endure the continuous rigors of abusive, and long running applications, at a reasonable price.**

Christopher Habic  
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