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I transferred into Monsanto Opto in August 1977 from Fisher Controls/Monsanto in Marshalltown Iowa.

I Worked for Jack Reed in Manufacturing on Displays. The last Monsanto product I worked on was the Delco Module display where I was responsible for putting the new product into production in Malaysia and convincing Delco Engineering how much better Monsanto's new fully cast design was over HP's old inferior air gap design.

In 1979 Monsanto sold the Opto Division to General Instruments. (My Monsanto Pension is \$32/ Month!!) I stayed with GI long enough to know I did not want to work for them and HP hired me as their Automotive Display Engineering Manager in November 1980.

One month later, I was asked by my new HP manager to visit Delco Engineering to convince them that GI's (Monsanto's) new fully cast design would never meet Delco's reliability requirements vs HP's air gap design which would!!!! Delco Engineering was at first surprised and then amused that I was now representing HP after just 3 months before visiting as GI's representative and dissing HP's automotive display design. At the HP Christmas party I was awarded the "**Bit-Em In The Butt Award**" by my HP manager. I guess did an OK job of convincing Delco because we built the Delco Display business into a \$14MM/year business.

I had a great 26 year career at HP/Agilent in positions of Product Line Manager, R&D Section Manager, Test Equipment Design and Tool Shop Manager, Division Quality Manager, and Division Manufacturing Manager.

I took early retirement in 1970 and relocated in Vacaville to be closer to our children and grandchildren.

