

1878 Wall Set. The adding of a second receiver-transmitter made it possible for one to talk and listen at the same time.



1880 Blake. Invented by Francis Blake, Jr., this new set was able to transmit the voice with greatly increased clarity.



1900 Common Battery. For the first time the power supply was taken out of the home and put in the telephone office.



1907 Magneto Wall Set. A more modern version of the phone with a built-in generator for signalling the operator.



1930 Desk Set. Its new oval base and color finishes distinguished this later Desk Set from the earlier 1928 version.



1937 "300" Type Desk Set. Engineering innovation in desk set design: bell was placed in the base of this model.



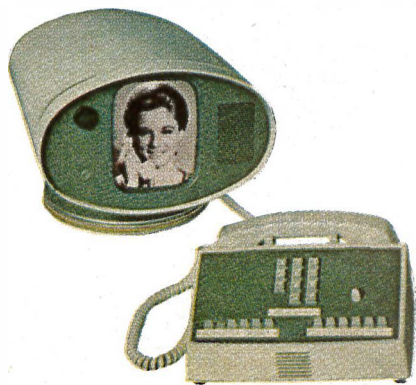
1958 Speakerphone Set. Many features for business offices including hands-free conversation, group conferences.



1958 Call Director® Telephone. Multi-purpose business phone, equipped with up to 30 pushbuttons for handling calls.



1965 Trimline®. A space-saving dial on the handset, with a dial light, provides increased convenience to subscribers.



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