

INTEGRATING PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT INTO ARCHIVES

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Overview

- Product development exhibits at H-D
- Necessary parties and processes
- Thinking outside of H-D...



Harley-Davidson Motor Co. Archives

- Evolved into corporate archives in late 1990s
- Museum planning in the 1990s
- Moved to new H-D Museum in 2008
- Communications, collecting duties changed
- Part of the Global Demand Org



Harley-Davidson Museum



- Open to public 363 days/year
- Mission:
 - Display, interpret past and present
 - Bring each visitor one step closer to H-D



Harley-Davidson Product Development



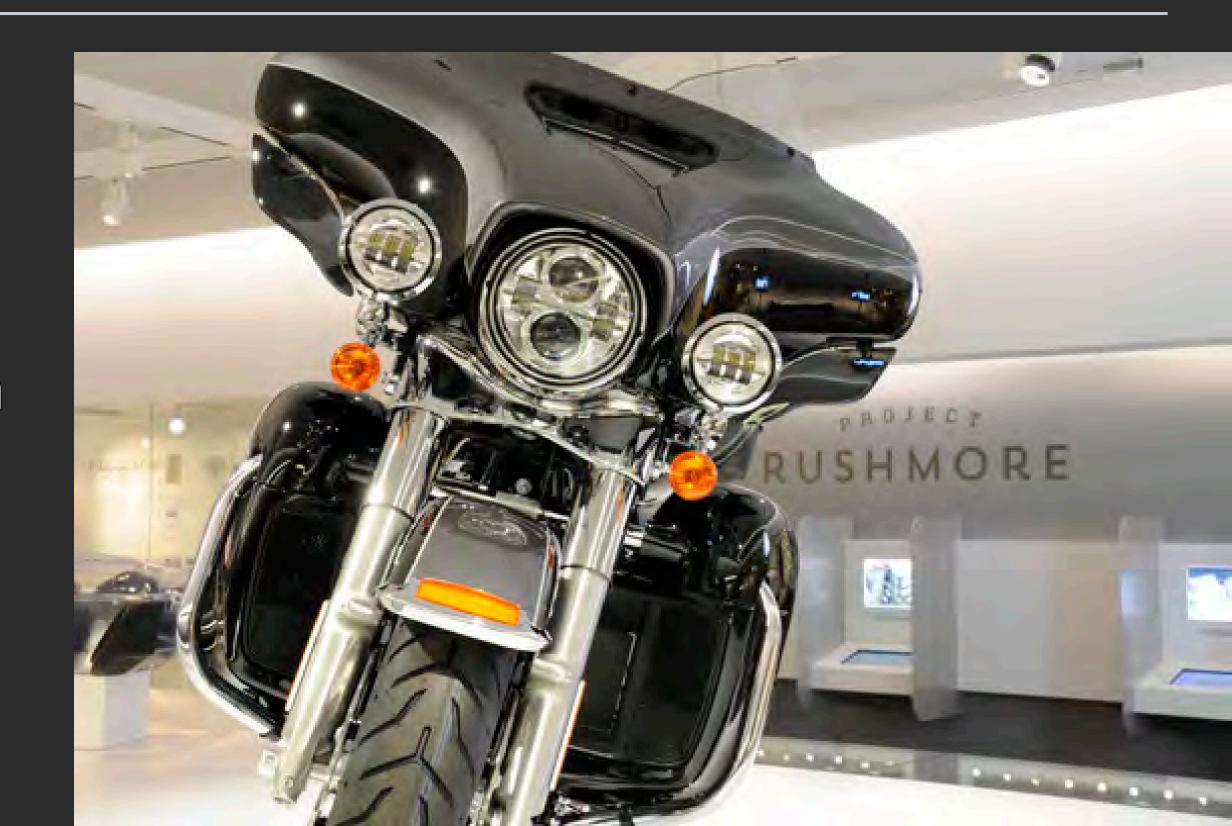
- Project-centered teams
- Engineering
 - Powertrain, electrical, testing, etc
- Styling
- Manufacturing
 - Parts, Accessories and Customization
- Product Integrity
 - Marketing VOC

Origins

- 2012: Release of Project Rushmore combined with detailed exhibit in H-D Museum
- Originated from Curatorial Director
- Compliment (not mirror) marketing messaging
- Largest cross section of product development



"Design Lab" Museum Gallery





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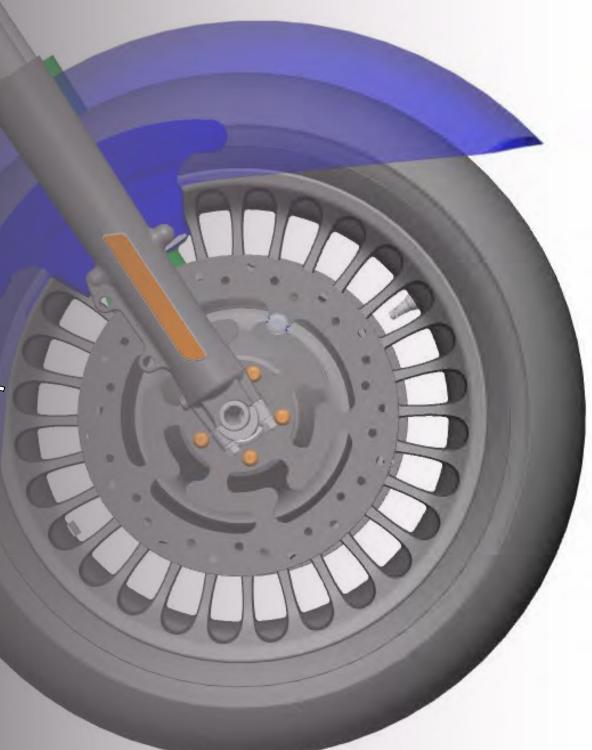
- Chassis
- Infotainment
- Aerodynamics
- Lighting
- Passenger comfort
- Brakes
- Luggage
- Powertrain
- Hand controls





Benefits - Rushmore

- Has far reaching benefit beyond "end goal"
- Development story as marketing pillar
- New and better bridges with Product Development
- Complement or integrate with marketing plan





Past Landmark Products

More mystery than facts

Especially lacking the "why"





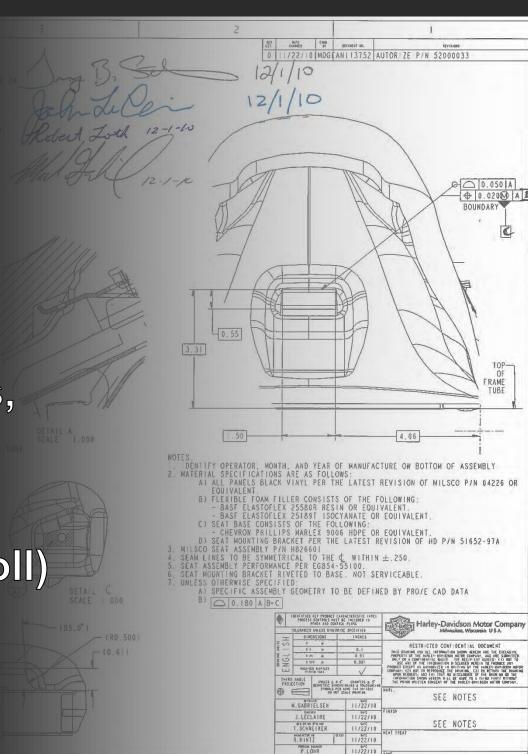
Challenges

- Buy-in at all levels
- TRUST
- Protocols of product integrity / product liability
- Unique profile of RIM
- Levels of cooperation
- Workload
- Deluge of artifacts, documents, no ID of items
- Loans vs. permanent accession



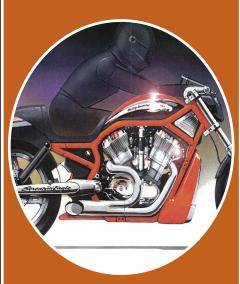
Documentation

- Existing project files
- CFD and other electronic
- "Bucks," prototypes, motorcycles, artifacts,
 3-D mockups
- Oral histories
- New video for exhibit (Proving Ground, b-roll)





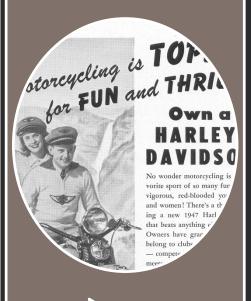












Engineering

Styling

Testing

Manufacturing

PAC

Marketing



Harley-Davidson Museum Catalogue/Information Worksheet

Project name: Hacker (LiveWire) Mockup Bike from Styling

Model: POC2

Model year: N/A or 2014

Originally planned release year, if applicable: N/A

Year project discontinued/shelved, if applicable: N/A

Color/finish: Vivid (Gloss) Black, Warlock Gray (High Temp Medium Gray) & H-D Racing Orange Accents

Overall dimensions: N/A

Technical specifications: N/A

Details on the relevant project:

This bike was one of 4 full size concept vehicles that were chosen for customer research. This is the customer preferred direction. (Can we mention this?)

Stage in project represented by this vehicle: **Proof of Concept Mock Up for Customer Demonstration**





Benefits - Ongoing

- Existing relationships improved upon
- New relationships forged
- Employee engagement (aka "morale")



Lessons Learned

- Present-day colleagues as primary source
- Capture the who and how your org does what it does, not just the what
- Everything comes back to relationships
- This is what we do





Recommendations

- Work with the drivers of internal/external messaging
- "They" don't know "what we do" Communication opportunity?
- Integration with written collecting strategy
- Have a plan for the story
- Don't even try collecting "everything"



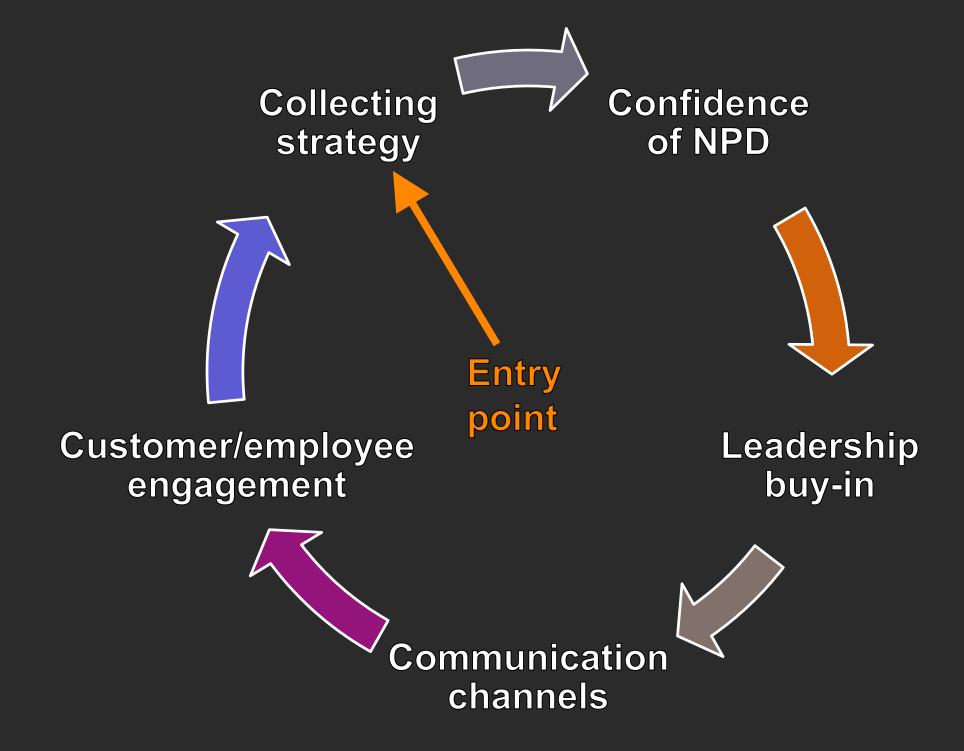
Channels

- Exhibit
- Marketing
- Employee communications
- External communications











Thank you!!!

