## **Starting out** —entering the business machines field



1936 - 1969

1970 - 1984

1985 - 1999

2000 - 2009

2010 - Present

Nov. 1955

## Introduced Ricoh's first diazo copier, Ricopy 101

## -Included in the Mechanical Engineering Heritage list

In 1955, Ricoh launched its first office copier, the Ricopy 101. The product became widely popular in the late 1950s, sparking the coining of the term "make a Ricopy" meaning to "make a copy" in Japan, a representation of the brand that came to be recognized as being synonymous with the concept of duplication. Ricopy 101 and the following desktop diazo-wet copier Ricopy series brought about a revolutionary improvement in office work efficiency, ushering in an age of office automation. The model received the Mechanical Engineering Heritage Certification No.54 for fiscal year 2012.



The oldest existing Ricopy 101 model



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Production line of Ricopy 303 and 505 models (1957)

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Ricopy 101: Forerunner of Office Automation

http://www.ricoh.com/about/company/history/2000/ricopy101.html