

Dedication

On the occasion of the publication of the tenth edition of *Marks' Standard Handbook for Mechanical Engineers*, we note that this is also the eightieth anniversary of the publication of the first edition. The Editors and publisher proffer this brief dedication to all those who have been instrumental in the realization of the goals set forth by Lionel S. Marks in the preface to the first edition.

First, we honor the memory of the deceased Editors, Lionel S. Marks and Theodore Baumeister. Lionel S. Marks' concept of a *Mechanical Engineers' Handbook* came to fruition with the publication of the first edition in 1916; Theodore Baumeister followed as Editor with the publication of the sixth edition in 1958.

Second, we are indebted to our contributors, past and present, who so willingly mined their expertise to gather material for inclusion in the Handbook, thereby sharing it with others, far and wide.

Third, we acknowledge our wide circle of readers—engineers and others—who have used the Handbook in the conduct of their work and, from time to time, have provided cogent commentary, suggestions, and expressions of loyalty.