



Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to the Packard Proving Grounds at Utica, Mich., 20 miles north of the Packard factories in Detroit. From my vantage point up here on the water tower I see much to interest you in the thrilling action taking place over this 500-acre site. In just a moment I'll be down to guide you through some of the activities taking place today.

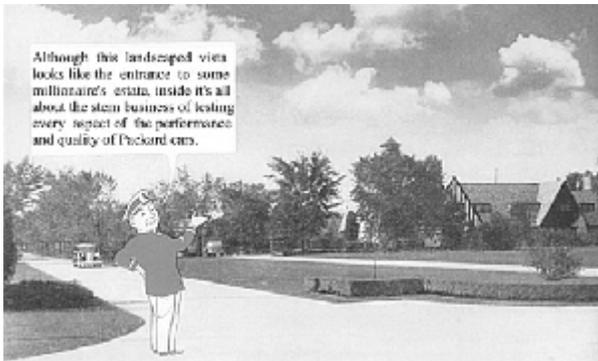
The Proving Grounds are much more than a new model testing field used but a few months annually. The work is keyed right into the daily factory program of building quality motor cars. Speedway, badlands, hills, water and gravel pits, and all of the specialized devices are used continuously in a constant super checking in all seasons.

This year around, dual job of testing and checking keeps these acres busy. Let's turn the page and see the way we do it.

Brochure for the Packard Proving Grounds printed approximately 1938. Note the little man who is guiding you through the proving grounds.



THROUGH PACKARD PROVING - LAND



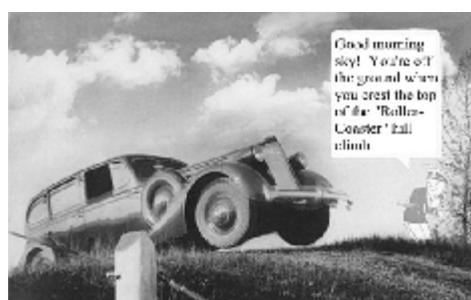
Although this landscaped vista looks like the entrance to some millionaire's estate, inside it's all about the stern business of testing every aspect of the performance and quality of Packard cars.



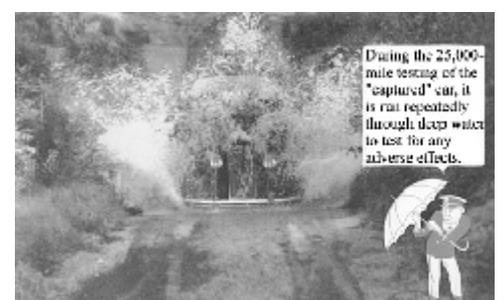
The Packard Proving Grounds originally covered 504 acres. It was built in 1927 at a cost of over one million dollars. Let's take a tour...



Nowhere in America can you find roads worse than at the "Badlands" of the Packard Proving Grounds.



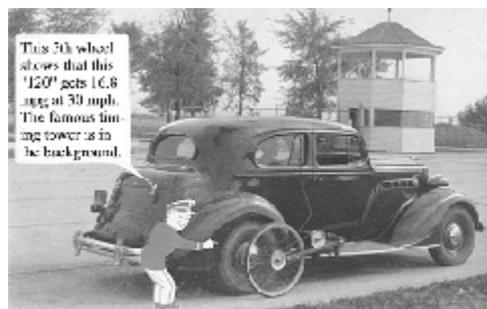
Good morning sky! You're off the ground when you crest the top of the "Roller-Coaster" tall climb.



During the 25,000-mile testing of the "captured" sun, it is run repeatedly through deep water to test for any adverse effects.



Test drivers put the cars through their paces, including some pretty fancy driving in Sahara-like deep sand.



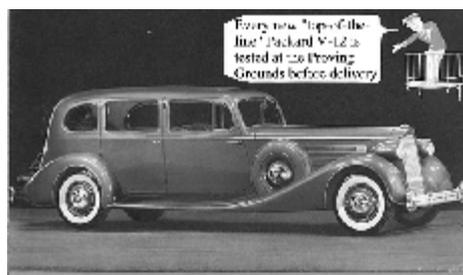
This 50-wheel shows that this '120' gets 16.8 mpg at 30 mph. The famous timing tower is in the background.



Instead of slipping this car to a dealer, it is being jacked at random for testing at the Proving Grounds.



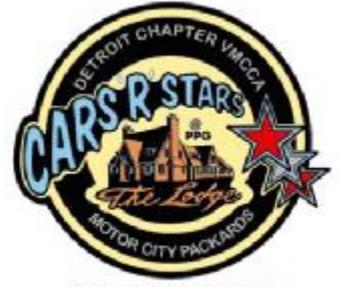
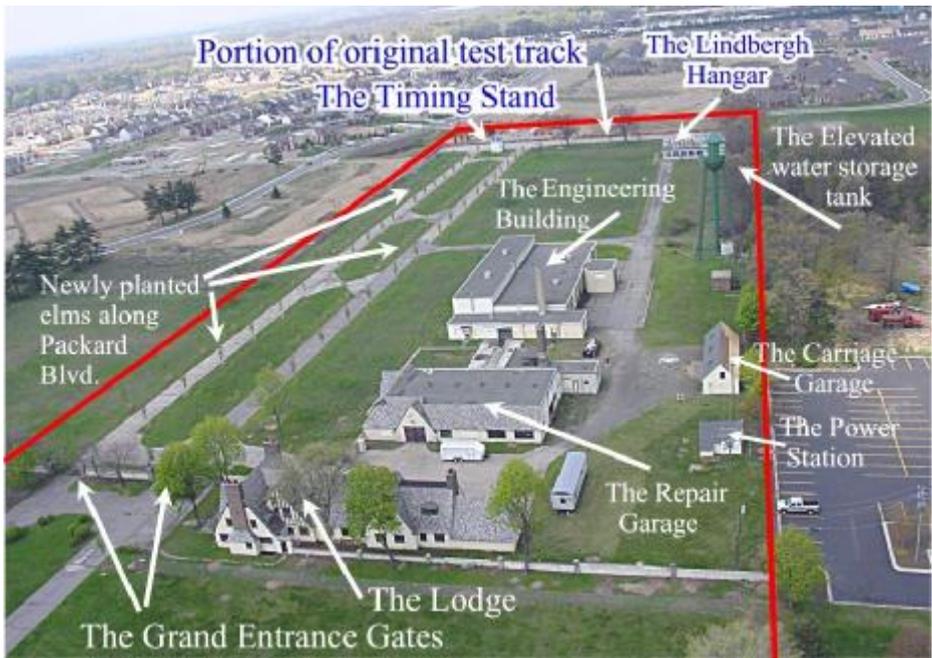
After the 25,000-mile test, every part of the kidnapped car is carefully examined for wear and condition.



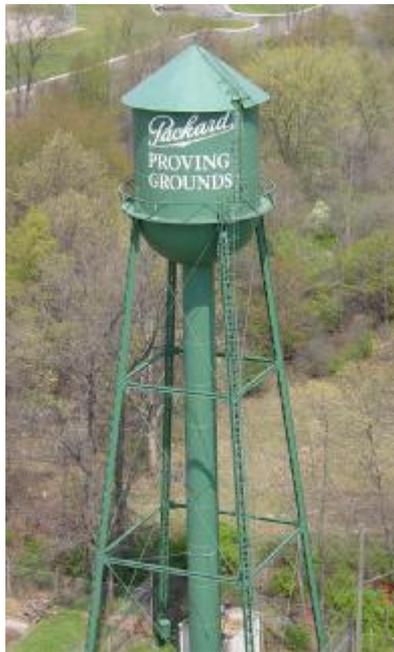
Every new "top-of-the-line" Packard V-12 is tested at the Proving Grounds before delivery.

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Photos of the Cars 'R' Stars Concours held at the Packard proving Grounds Historic Site held on 13 June 2010



Packard Proving Grounds



The famous water tower above and three photos of the lodge right & below.

