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Historic Building Inventory Record

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| project name RTD SW CORRIDOR | county Denver | city Denver | state ID no. <u>5DV48</u> |
| current building name Gates Rubber Co. | owner Gates Rubber Co. 999 S. Broadway Denver, CO 80209 | | |
| address 999-1001 S. Broadway Denver, CO 80209 | township <u>4S</u> range <u>68W</u> section <u>22</u> . NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ | | |
| historic name | USGS quad name Englewood 1965 PR 1980 ___ yr. <u>X</u> 7.5' ___ 15' | | |
| district name | block | lot(s) | addition yr. of addition |



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| date of construction ___ estimate <u>1914</u> actual source Gates Employees' Progress News, Oct. 1951 |
| use <u>industrial/manufacturing</u> present <u>industrial</u> historic |
| condition <u>X</u> excellent ___ good fair ___ deteriorating |
| extent of alterations ___ minor ___ moderate <u>X</u> major describe: new windows, multiple additions with new red brick bldg and corrugated metal warehouse additions |
| <u>X</u> original ___ moved date(s) of move: |
| National Register Eligibility Individual: ___ yes <u>X</u> no |
| Contributing to district: ___ yes <u>X</u> no |
| local landmark designation ___ name ___ date |
| associated buildings? <u>X</u> yes type warehouse, plant, offices, health clinic if inventoried, list ID nos. |
| additional pages <u>X</u> yes ___ no |

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| style factory/warehouse | stories 1-4 |
| materials red brick, corrugated metal, pre- stressed concrete | square footage |
| architectural description The Gates Rubber Co. complex has many buildings ranging from some old brick attractive plant and offices to unattractive old gray plant buildings in fair to poor condition. The main office building on the east side of Broadway is a four-story red brick building with light colored stringcourses above floor 1, floor 4 and dentils along the top. The old windows have been replaced with larger new windows and a modern red brick building addition has been appended to the southeast portion of this building. | |

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| plan shape | architect | original owner Colorado Tire and Leather Company |
| | source | source Denver Building Permit #1666 |
| | builder/contractor | theme(s) |
| | source | |

construction history (description, names, dates, etc. relating to major additions or alterations to original structure)

August 20, 1917 - brick industrial building and reservoir (143x50) 1-story, owner - Colorado Tire and Leather Co.
 August 17, 1918 - brick manufacturing building - Gates 1-story
 Sept. 20, 1918 - brick addition to unit #5 in rear
 1919 - brick concrete manufacturing building and full basement (165x125)
 continued yes no

historical background (discuss important persons and events associated with this structure)

Charles C. Gates bought a small shop at 1025 Broadway known as the Colorado Tire and Leather Company in 1911 and began manufacturing the "Durable Tread", a steel-studded band of leather which could be fastened over the flimsy auto tires of that time to increase mileage. The waste leather trimmings were made into horse halters and named the "Never-Break" halters after being endorsed by Buffalo Bill Cody. In 1914, the "Durable Tread" gave way to the "Gates Half-Sole", a rubber tread on a fabric carcass which could be cemented to the worn tire. Also in 1914, the company erected the first building at the present address of 999 S. Broadway. In 1919, the name was changed to the Gates Rubber Company. In 1928, Gates began manufacturing garden hose and then expanded into industrial types of hose. As the business grew through the years, more and more
 continued yes no

significance (check appropriate categories and briefly justify below)

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| architectural significance: | historical significance: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> represents the work of a master | <input type="checkbox"/> associated with significant persons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> possesses high artistic values | <input type="checkbox"/> associated with significant events or patterns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> represents a type, period or method of construction | <input type="checkbox"/> contributes to an historic district |

statement of significance

continued yes no

references (be specific)

The Gates Employees Progress News, October, 1951, p. 4-15
 The Denver Post October 1, 1951, p. 2; October 14, 1951, p. 21A; March 10, 1957, p. 1E
 Colorado Manufacturing and Consumer, 14:5, Aug. 1927
 Rocky Mountain News, August 30, 1943, p. 15
 Monitor (South) July 27, 1951, p. 1
 Denver Municipal Facts, vol. 3, #8, August 1920, p. 7

continued yes no

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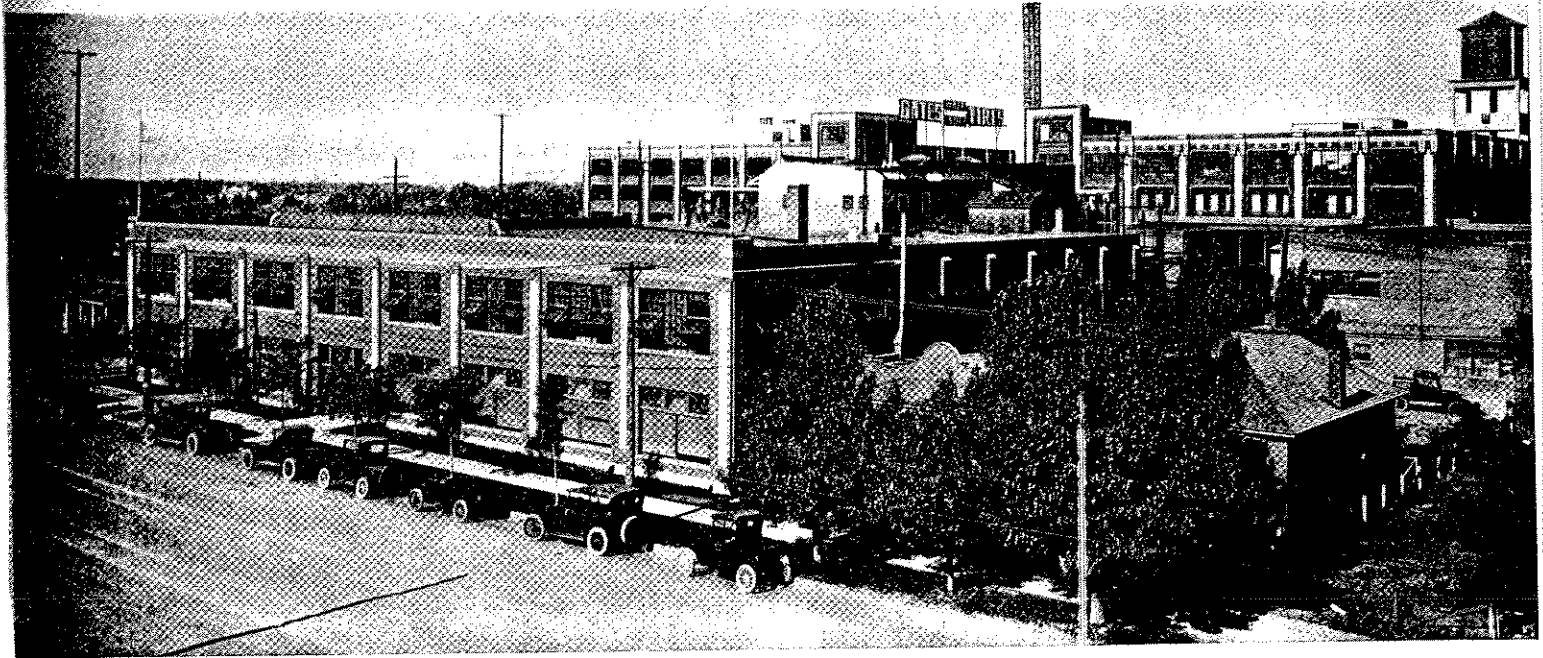
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The Gates Rubber Company, manufacturer of automobile tires, has had a phenomenal growth and is of comparatively recent origin. The saving in freight and the tremendous volume of tourist motor travel in the west makes this a logical manufacturing point for automobile accessories

Continuation Sheet
Gates Rubber Co.

Architectural description (continued): Some of the plant buildings are red brick decorated with tan brick pilasters and widely spaced dentils and range from 1 to 4 stories high. In addition to these attractive features, they include less attractive features such as vents, ducts, smokestacks and building additions of corrugated metal.

Construction history (continued):

1928 - Boston building 4 stories - exit put in

1936 - Foundation for 4 story masonry building (206'x125'); contractor: Newstrom and Davis

There were many building permits for construction at Gates. From 1917 through 1945, there were 35 building permits issued for expansions and construction of new buildings. The Gates Rubber Complex now has a variety of buildings covering several city blocks.

Historical background (continued): buildings were added until, in the early 1920's, the Gates Rubber Company was known as the "largest manufacturer of automobile fan belts in the world."

References (continued):

Denver Assessors Office #5155-06-012, #5156-00-040, #5156-00-033, #5156-00-032,
#5156-00-034, #5155-03-012, #5222-01-011 #5155-03-014,
#5155-03-017, #5222-02-012 #5155-04-005, #5155-00-045,
#5222-01-010

Denver Building Permits #1666 8/20/17, #1425 8/17/18, #1625 9/20/18, #265 3/3 /19,
#1015 5/16/19, #6205 9/12/25, #6714 10/1/25, #4083 7/13/27,
#6381 11/27/28, #6624 12/31/28, #3191 8/25/36, #3876 10/2/36,
#1428 4/12/37, #886 3/15/38, #4560 9/20/38, #5017 10/6/38,
#5692 11/2/38, #927 3/14/39, #3708 7/12/39, #3705 7/12/39,
#146, 1/12/40, #1071 3/4/40, #1948 4/10/40, #6912 9/17/40,
#5108 11/2/43, #949 3/2/44, #890 3/17/44, #3728 7/28/44,
#3845 8/4/44, #3861 8/5/44, #4384 8/31/44, #5183 9/23/44,
#340 1/17/45, #3319 5/14/45, #4354 6/23/45, #10231 9/4/46

