

## Reasons For Rejecting Apparatus Bids, Circa 1958

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Found this one among records of Raleigh's 1958 and 1960 aerial ladders. Interpreting the thing as reasons for rejecting bids for building one or more pumpers. Likely dates to 1958, when the city solicited bids for a single pumping engine.

American LaFrance won that one. They shipped a 1958 American LaFrance 900 Series pumper (#N-720), 1000/300, on July 31, 1959. Bid price was \$21,800. Purchase price was \$23,354.85, including equipment.

This document records apparent reject reasons for pumpers from FWD, Oren, Pirsch, and "Seagraves." Some notes on those four apparatus builders. See my [Raleigh apparatus register](#) for more details:

- FWD  
Built apparatus from 1910 to 1970s  
Raleigh received two pumpers in the 1950s, of model years 1950 and 1957.
- Oren  
Built apparatus from 1930s to 1980s  
None ever purchased in Raleigh. There were a handful (or more?) in North Carolina's major cities, mid-century, if memory serves.
- Pirsch  
Built apparatus from 1900 to 1991  
Raleigh ordered both an engine and a rear-mount ladder in 1984-85. The engine was delivered, 1985 model, but the ladder ended up in Chicago. [Read blog post about that.](#)
- Seagrave  
Built apparatus from 1881 to present  
Raleigh never purchased an engine, but bought a rear-mounted ladder, 1986 model.

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OREN:

1. No evidence of ability to construct.
2. Engine curve not shown with 75 octane gas.
3. No oil cooler for engine oil system.
4. No chrome plated tow hooks.
5. No governor.
6. No statement as to water proof compartments.
7. No statement that tank piping will flow 200 GPM.
8. No shroud on radiator.
9. No chrome radiator shell.

PIRSCH:

1. No radiator shroud.
2. No lockout on transmission.
3. Vacuum wipers and not electric.
4. No eagle on bell.
5. Relief valve and no governor.
6. Booster hose not ply type.
7. No chrome radiator shell.
8. Fuel used on test was not given.
9. No chrome tow hooks.
10. No shock absorbers.
11. No guarantee by officers of company.
12. No statement as to paint specified by city.
13. No oil gauge, tachometer, temp. gauge on pump panel. Bulletin #19.
14. No oil cooler on engine oil ignition.
15. No statement as to gas tank size.
16. No indiv. press. gauges for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

SEAGRAVES:

1. Test not on 75 octane gas.
2. Left off chrome rails on body.
3. No statement as to 4" overflow.
4. No statement as to fill size.
5. No statement that tank will flow 200 GPM.
6. No removable top on tank.
7. No genuine leather.

FWD

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| 1. No adjustable separate seat for driver.       | 13. No aluminum body covers.                  |
| 2. No electric wipers.                           | 14. No 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " lines.               |
| 3. No eagle on bell.                             | 15. No partitions for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " hose. |
| 4. No chrome hub caps.                           | 16. No indiv. gauges.                         |
| 5. No oil cooler for engine oil.                 |   |
| 6. No cert. power curve.                         |   |
| 7. No list of equipment that is to be furnished. |   |
| 8. No statement as to siren.                     |   |
| 9. No lacquer paint.                             |   |
| 10. 200 gallon tank.                             |   |
| 11. No removable top on tank.                    |   |
| 12. No governor on pump.                         |   |

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