

THE GEAR LOVER'S GUIDE TO DETROIT

When travelling about in search of gears and other adventures, wise explorers bring along as much important information as they can. In the interest of keeping our readers as well-informed as possible, we bring you the following collection of Important Facts About Motor City.

COBO HALL FACTS

The "new," refurbished Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center is one of the largest convention facilities in the U.S. It now spans more than 17 acres of downtown Detroit and has more than 700,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space. There are 85 separate meeting rooms, which are linked to the exhibition halls by 26 escalators. The hall is named for the late Albert E. Cobo, Detroit mayor from 1950–1957. It is also the site of the Michigan Sports hall of fame and of one of Detroit's most recognizable figures, a statue of Joe Louis, which graces the facility's main entrance.



Photo by Vito Palmisano

Cobo Hall at night.

DETROIT BASICS

DOB: July 24, 1701

POPULATION: 3,935,734 (metro area)

LAND AREA: 136.6 sq. mi. (218.5 sq. k) – city
2,026.1 sq. mi. (3,241.7 sq. k) – metro

Altitude 581 feet (177 m) measured at the Detroit River

CLIMATE

Average High/Lows for October in degrees F/degrees C: 63/17 – 41/5

LOCATION

Distance in mi/kilos from

Atlanta	732/1177	New Orleans	1070/1724
Baltimore	514/827	New York	765/1224
Boston	509/814	Philadelphia	514/822
Calcutta	7705/12840	Pittsburgh	296/476
Chicago	275/440	St. Louis	541/866
Cincinnati	270/432	San Francisco	2399/3859
Dallas	1158/1864	Seattle	2327/3744
Denver	1283/2064	Sydney	9547/15361
Indianapolis	282/451	Tokyo	6574/10511
London	3675/5913		
Los Angeles	2288/3681		
Mars	35000000/56800000 (at its nearest)		

SHOW BASICS

Who? Everyone with an interest in gears and gear manufacturing.

What? AGMA's Gear Expo 97, "A Decade of Performance."

Where? Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI.

When? October 19–22, 1997.

Why? To see the only international trade show devoted exclusively to the gear industry.

How? Contact AGMA headquarters 703-684-0211.

For more information, see Show Central, *Gear Technology's* electronic look at Gear Expo 97 (<http://www.geartechnology.com>).

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SHOW COVERAGE



Detroit People Mover.

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GETTING AROUND

On a more practical note, Cobo Hall is adjacent to a vast parking garage and a People Mover station, which links it to all the other stations on the 2.9-mile track of the transit system.

The People Mover is one of the most convenient ways to travel around the central business district of Detroit. It is an elevated, computerized rail transit system stopping at 13 stations throughout downtown Detroit and providing access to the city's major office buildings, hotels, restaurants and shopping districts, as well as to Cobo Hall. Rides cost 50 cents. Exact change or a purchased token is required. The system operates on Mon.-Thurs. from 7 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri., 7 a.m.-midnight; Sat., 9 a.m.-midnight; and Sun., noon-8 p.m.

THE REST OF THE STORY

There's a whole lot more to Detroit than gears, or even cars. For the lowdown on everything from the professional athletic teams to the Detroit Zoo, (not to mention the sights and night life across the river in Windsor, Ontario), contact Michelle Fusco at the Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau, 313-259-4333; fax 313-259-7583; e-mail MFUSCO@visitdetroit.com; or check out the bureau's World Wide Web site at www.visitdetroit.com. ⚙

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