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**THE HISTORY OF THE FUNCTIONING OF WORKSHOPS INTENDED  
FOR THE REPAIR OF LOCOMOTIVES AND CARRIAGES ON THE  
RAILWAYS OF UKRAINE**

**Summary**

Assessing the impact of transport infrastructure on the level of economic development of society, it is worth noting that rapid economic growth in the XIX century led to a sharp increase in freight volumes. An effective way out of the situation was the introduction of the steam engine and the construction of workshops for the repair of railway equipment. Actually the last stimulated the development of the railway network in Ukraine. Formation of the transport network, its specific structure, the frequency of rail and other means of communication, the choice of the direction of the construction of the main thoroughfares in the historical aspect determined through production specialization, territorial organization, the frequency of settlements, as well as by economic and geographical position of the served region.

The productive activity the Main workshops began with performing the orders of military department and equipment of railway rolling stock for trooping. The veterans of plant remember that in 1915 only three locomotives of series were repaired O-B, what railroaders in easily named "lambs". These were 100 years back - at the beginning of history of functioning of the Izume main workshops.

At that time workshops were a modern enterprise. However, it made it self felt technical backwardness. For example, after treatment of details on the machine-tools it was necessary to customize parts by hand on site. A hammer, point-tool and file, in the hands of locksmiths were universal instruments. Absence of adaptations was filled by ability and experience of skilled workers. In such terms it was impossible to expect perceptible progress of production. Indeed, for all 1917 year in workshops has repaired only 18 locomotives of series O6 and III.

In an article in a chronological order deals with the establishment and functioning of the railway workshops, intended for the repair of locomotives and carriages on the railways of Ukraine. It was found that, of the small shops, built in the early 60-s of XIX century, formed a train wreck mighty factory with numerous shops and many thousands army of employed workers. The railway workshops were built and made thousands of old and new cars and hundreds of locomotives.

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