

Motorola was founded in Chicago, Illinois, as **Galvin Manufacturing Corporation** in 1928.

Paul Galvin wanted a brand name for Galvin Manufacturing Corporation's new car radio, and created the name "Motorola" by linking "**motor**" (from motor car) with "**ola**" (from Victrola).

The Motorola brand name became so well known that Galvin Manufacturing Corporation later changed its name to [Motorola, Inc.](#), in 1947.

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