

Crossbar Systems

Crossbar Systems introduced the most technically sophisticated electromechanical telephone switching equipment of the mid-1900s. Designed by Bell Telephone Laboratories, the #3 and partial #5 Crossbar systems on display are operational. Both served communities in Maine and were acquired through the generosity and cooperation of the former New England Telephone Company.



The #5 Crossbar System from Belfast, Maine, is now up and working at The Telephone Museum in Ellsworth.