



# 1912 Overland Model 59T



## Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By	Willys Overland Motor Company
Assembled At	Toledo, Ohio
Model Production	Unknown (this model only in 1912)
Annual Production	26,000 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1912)
Body	Touring
Horsepower	30
Weight	1,900 pounds/862 kilograms
1912 Cost	\$900 (USD)

## Innovations

Semi-elliptical front springs used  
Two independent ignition systems  
Heavier wheels used this year  
Transaxle

## A Great Selling Car in 1912

The Overland was the second best-selling car from 1912 through 1918. But even so, it was almost 69,000 units behind the Model T in 1912! The genius behind the Overland was Claude Cox. John North Willys, an early car dealer in Elmira, New York, had agreed to sell the Overland and sent an order for 500 cars for the 1907 season, secured by a check for \$10,000. When no cars appeared, he traveled to Indianapolis and bought the failing company. He increased production from 465 cars in 1908 to 4900 cars in 1909, and moved the whole operation to the former Pope-Toledo automobile plant in Toledo, Ohio. The company later produced the prestigious Willys-Knight, and along with Ford and Bantam, it produced the immortal WWII "Jeep."

## Jerry VanOoteghem

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