



# 1911 Brush Runabout



## Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By	Brush Motor Car Company
Assembled At	Highland Park, Michigan
Model Production	Unknown (this model in 1911)
Annual Production	2,000 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1911)
Body	Runabout
Horsepower	10
Weight	850 pounds/386 kilograms
1911 Cost	\$500 (USD)

## Innovations

Modern front-engine layout  
Hardwood frame  
Wooden front axle  
Very light weight

## Wood Axle!

The Brush Runabout Company advertised that a squirrel can climb a tree better than an elephant, hence a light car is superior to a heavy car. Built nearby in Highland Park from 1907 to 1912, the Brush was designed by Alanson P. Brush, who had a major hand in the design of the original one-cylinder Cadillac. The Brush was also a single-cylinder car. Financial backing came from Frank Briscoe whose older brother Ben unfortunately had empire-building visions along General Motors lines. The collapse of his United States Motor Company in 1911 took a number of companies with it, including the Brush Runabout Company. Leftover vehicles were sold off in 1912 as the Liberty-Brush for the bargain price of \$350. Although only on the scene for a few years, the Brush was very popular and was produced in large quantities.

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