



1911 Hupmobile Model 20 C



Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By	Hupp Motor Car Company
Assembled At	Detroit, Michigan (near Piquette)
Model Production	Unknown (this model only in 1911)
Annual Production	6,079 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1911)
Body	Runabout
Horsepower	20
Weight	1,200 pounds/544 kilograms
1911 Cost	\$750 (USD)

A Great Performer & Seller

Robert Hupp had worked for Oldsmobile, Regal, and Ford before starting his own company, the Hupp Motor Car Company. Hupp also dreamed of producing a light, affordable car with reasonable performance. The first Hupmobile 2-passenger runabout featured a 4-cylinder, 20 horsepower engine and magneto ignition. Unlike the "T," however, the little Hupp boasted a sliding-gear transmission. The Hupmobile runabout sold for a very reasonable \$750. Hupmobile production grew steadily from 1,618 units in 1909 to 12,543 in 1913. In 1911, the sporty 20C runabout was introduced and Robert Hupp left the company after a quarrel with his management team. Soon after Hupp's departure, a larger and more powerful Hupmobile appeared, although the Model 20 was continued through 1913.

Innovations

- Simply shift gears without using a clutch - called "free wheeling"
- First American car used in military service when the 26th Infantry Division acquired one in 1911
- A 1911 Hupmobile was driven 48,600 miles through 26 countries in eighteen months' time
- This is the first year for passenger doors

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