



# 1903 Ford Model A Tonneau



## Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By	Ford Motor Company
Assembled At	Mack Avenue Plant, Detroit, Michigan
Model Production	Unknown (this model only in 1903)
Annual Production	677 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1903)
Body	Tonneau
Horsepower	8
Weight	1,240 pounds/562 kilograms
1903 Cost	\$900 (USD)

## Innovations

First car produced by Ford Motor Company  
Two-cylinder, 8-horsepower engine  
Multiple models seating 2 or 4 people

## Ford Motor Company First

The sale of the very first Model A came none too soon. Ford had spent all of its working capital making the first cars and it needed cash - fast! It was sold to Dr. Pfennig of Chicago on July 15 for \$850. His automobile was the first of 1,708 Model A's to emerge from the Mack Avenue Plant. Equipped with a proper steering wheel and a 2-cylinder, 8-horse-power engine, it easily bested the top-selling Oldsmobile runabout with its crude tiller and one-cylinder motor. At \$850, however, the Ford carried a substantial \$150 premium over the tough little Oldsmobile. For an additional \$100, the Model A runabout could be equipped with a detachable tonneau (seen here) with a door at the rear that would provide seating for two additional passengers. This unrestored Model A retains its original paint on the tonneau, original upholstery, and an aftermarket, non-factory jackshaft drivetrain unit.

## Richard Lindner

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