

# 1909 Ford Model T Touring



## Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By Ford Motor Company

Assembled At Piquette Avenue Plant, Detroit, Michigan

Model Production 7,728 (this model only in 1909)

Annual Production 10,660 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1909)

Body Touring

Horsepower 22

Weight I,200 pounds/544 kilograms

1909 Cost \$850 (USD)

### Piquette's Oldest Model T

This Model T is one of the earliest Model Ts assembled and it was born right here at the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant. Serial number 220 was completed December 1908. Though manufacturing of the new model began in October, 1908, the first Model T's were designated as 1909's. The first 2,500 T's underwent constant engineering changes to address issues of reliability. The earliest T's were available in Carmine Red only. Innovative design improvements led to such sales numbers that soon, a new plant was necessary. After the first 12,000 T's emerged from Piquette, Ford Motor Company moved operations to the new Highland Park Plant in 1910.

#### **Innovations**

Vanadium steel, lighter and stronger
Single engine block/crankcase and removable cylinder head
Flexible three-point suspension for rough terrain, lighter
This is a very early 1909 with two levers and two pedals
Very early 1909s also had water pumps — removed in late 1909

#### Donna Bolz

On loan from Donna Bolz from Harper Woods, Michigan. The Bolz family are active members of the Piquette T's – a Model T club hosted at this museum.



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