



1909 Ford Model T Touring



Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By	Ford Motor Company
Assembled At	Ford 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 Car
Horsepower	22
Weight	1,200 pounds/544 kilograms
1909 Cost	\$850 (USD)

Innovations

- Late 1909 with three pedals on floor and one lever near driver
- Use of lighter and stronger vanadium steel
- Removable cylinder head
- Flywheel magneto ignition system
- Three-point suspension for rough terrain
- Two-speed planetary transmission

National Prize Winner

This early Model T was assembled right here at the Piquette Plant on Wednesday, August 4, 1909. The car was ordered by a Ford dealership in Boston, Massachusetts, and shipped to its first owner in Providence, Rhode Island. The vehicle was awarded “National First Prize – Senior” by the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACAA) in 1974 and later was awarded “First State Senior” by the Historical Vintage Car Club of Delaware. The early 1909 Model T’s were equipped with two pedal and two levers for the driver to operate. This Model T was one of the later ones manufactured in 1909 – note it has three pedals and one lever – same as all of the Model T’s that followed through 1927.

The Wurdeman Family

On loan to Piquette by the entire Wurdeman family with special thanks to Rick Wurdeman. The car was owned by Elmo and Barbara Wurdeman of Silver Spring, Maryland. The Wurdemans were charter members of the Model T Ford Club International “Nation’s Capital Model T Ford Club” formed in 1967. Elmo was a big man – his nickname was “Big Elmo.” If he saw someone cranking their Model T, he would tell them, “You hold the crank, and I’ll turn the car.”



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