



1898 Geneva Safety Bicycle



Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By	Geneva Cycle Company
Assembled At	Geneva, Ohio
Model Production	Unknown
Annual Production	Unknown
Weight	Unknown
1898 Cost	Unknown

Innovations

Pneumatic tires
Wood rims
Tire glue held the tires on

Henry Had One of These

Bicycles gained popularity in the last quarter of the 19th century. Early bicycles were of the "high-wheeler" variety, featuring a huge front wheel with the pedals directly attached to provide the needed gear ratio for fast touring. These were difficult to ride and dangerous, with injuries from spills common. By the 1890s, the "safety bicycle" had come into fashion, and a major national bicycle boom was under way. Clubs formed, hundreds of manufacturers sprang up, and a "good roads" movement was born. Around 1900, the bicycle boom softened, and many manufacturers, including the Geneva Manufacturing Company of Geneva, Ohio, turned to making components for the fledgling auto industry. This bicycle is similar to one reportedly ridden by Henry Ford while at the Piquette Plant. Geneva also built complete automobiles from 1901 – 1903.

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