

1919-1922 Model T Coupe Wood Frame

Manufacturing Information

Assembled At Model Production 100 (this model) Annual Production Varies Weight 1921 Cost

Manufactured By Classic Wood Products, LLC Greensboro, North Carolina 400 pounds/181 kilograms Unknown (included with each car purchase)

Innovations

Michigan ash trees used for strength and durability Wood understructure provided a solid base for metal "skin" Wood by-products lead to development of charcoal business

How Much Wood is in a T?

Model T's used an incredible amount of wood to provide the support structure for the vehicle's sheet metal outer skin. White ash was selected due to its strength and resistance to splitting. Henry Ford bought 313,447 acres of land in northern Michigan with large concentrations of white ash through a relative, E.G. Kingsford. He started construction of a wood production plant in 1920. By 1925, employment peaked at 7,500 workers. The company's main logging camp was 60 miles northwest of Iron Mountain. The company's goal was to cut 250,000 board feet of lumber a day. Approximately 610 pounds of charcoal reclaimed per ton of scrap wood was made into and sold as Ford Charcoal Briquettes until 1951. It is now called Kingsford Charcoal.

Howard Comstock

This wood body is on loan from Howard Comstock, President of Classic Wood Products in Greensboro, North Carolina. Classic Wood Products staff assembled this wood structure especially for the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant.



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