



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

The first automobile produced by Ford Motor Company
A very reasonable price compared to competition
Note the basket accessories for cargo and umbrellas

Ford Motor Company First

On June 16, 1903, Ford Motor Company was incorporated and started assembling automobiles. Operations were based out of the Mack Avenue Plant, just a few miles from here. Similar to the horse-drawn buggies of the day, the “A” was built on a rectangular, box-like chassis and looked similar to the Cadillac motor car built in the same era because Henry Ford had a hand in designing both vehicles. The two-cylinder “horizontally opposed” engine is mounted under the front seat. The Dodge Brothers supplied the chassis and engine with its two-speed transmission. The car could reach a top speed of 30 miles per hour. Top, windshield and horn were sold as accessories.

The Larry D. Porter Artifacts Trust

This car is one of the many “Letter Cars” that have been loaned to the Piquette Plant by the Larry D. Porter Artifacts Trust. The collection includes one of every car that Ford Motor Company built at the Mack Avenue (1903) and Ford Piquette Avenue (1904-1910) assembly plants. The Piquette Plant is extremely grateful to the Larry D. Porter Artifacts Trust for allowing us to exhibit this collection.



Scan this QR code to view or download photos and learn more about this exhibit.



Scan this code to read in selected languages!



Interested in adopting a vehicle at Piquette?
Please see our staff in the Main Office for more details or go to www.piqsigns.org.



Adopted By:
Paul Loveridge