

1906 Ford Model N Runabout

Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By Ford Motor Company Assembled At Ford Piquette Avenue Plant Model Production 2,194 (this model only in 1906) Annual Production 8,729 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1908) Body Runabout Horsepower 15 Weight 800 pounds/363 kilograms 1906 Cost \$500 (USD)

Innovations

Cast iron flywheel mounted to the front of the engine First Ford to employ mass production techniques Model N demonstrated Henry Ford's vision of the ideal product

Piquette production reached 100 cars per day



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Very Reliable and Low-Cost

The Model N was a forward step towards Ford's goal to develop a reliable, low-cost, mass-production automobile. The vehicle first appeared at the January 1906 New York Auto Show. The car's price was so low that other auto manufacturers suspected it was being sold below the actual cost to produce it. Due to initial supply and manufacturing issues, the first Model N did not become available until July 1906. The N featured a front-mounted four cylinder engine and a drive shaft that could propel the car up to 40 miles per hour.

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