

1909 Ford Model T Touring

Manufacturing Information

Manufactured ByFord Motor CompanyAssembled AtPiquette Avenue Plant, Detroit, MichiganModel Production7, 728 (this model only in 1909)Annual Production10,660 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1909)BodyTouringHorsepower22Weight1,200 pounds/544 kilograms1909 Cost\$850 (USD)

Innovations

Use of lighter and stronger vanadium steel Separate engine block and engine head Flywheel magneto ignition system Three-point suspension for rough terrain Two-speed planetary transmission

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The Model T was Ford's only offering in 1909. It was introduced in October of 1908 and was a totally new automobile compared to Ford's previous models. The engines had removable heads. The body parts contained wood, steel and aluminum. It was available in five body styles: touring, runabout, coupe, town car and landaulet. The Model T was well-suited for badly rutted roads and rough terrain. Nearly 11,000 were produced in 1909, second in sales only to Buick. The Model T brought many changes to Ford manufacturing. After production started, multiple were offered, along with windshields and carbide lights. The first 2,500 Model T's had minor variations and are considered unique by automotive historians and collectors.

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