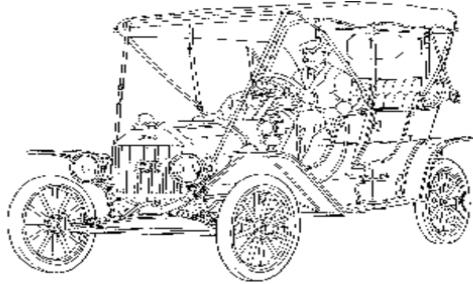


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The Ford Model T

Henry Ford was born in Wayne County, Michigan on July 30, 1863. Ford showed an early interest in mechanics, and built his first steam engine at the age of 15. In 1896 he built his first automobile.

In June 1903, Ford established Ford Motor Company which introduced the highly successful Model T. Because the demand for this car was so great, Ford developed new mass-production methods in order to manufacture the large amounts of cars needed to fill the demand. In 1913 he introduced the world's first moving assembly line for cars; and in 1914, to further improve labor productivity; he introduced the \$5 daily wage for an 8-hour day - this was over two times the amount earned by most workers at this time.

From 1908-1927, the Model T would endure with little change in its design. Henry Ford had succeeded in his quest to build a car for the masses. The Model-T was voted *the* car of the twentieth century.

By mid-1914 there were more than 500,000 Model T's on the roads of the world; by 1923 the company was producing more than half of America's automotive vehicles and by the end of the 1920s had more than 20 assembly plants overseas in Europe, Latin America, Canada, Asia, South Africa, and Australia. The Ford had become the world's most familiar make of car.