

# 1929 FORD MODEL A ROADSTER

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Original cost: \$450.00

Previous owner: A medical doctor from Omaha, 1995 – 96; Bernie and Janice Taulborg Collection

Engine, etc.: 4 cyl. L-head; 200.5 cu. in; 40 hp; 103.5 in. wheelbase; 2,161 lbs.

The name Model A was first used by Ford in 1903 when it was also known as the Fordmobile. Production of this first generation lasted from 1903 through 1905 with 1,750 cars made.

Second generation Model A's began production in 1927.

Near the end of the 1920's sales began to slip for the Model T Fords. Production ceased for six months as Ford retooled equipment and prepared to make the Model A. Production began on Oct. 20, 1927 and sales started in December, 1927.

Model A was a stylish and elegant vehicle designed by Henry Ford's son, Edsel, who was president of Ford. It was more sophisticated and complex than the Model T.

By 1929, Ford included many standard features: combination tail and stop light, windshield wiper, front and rear bumpers, Sparton horn. Our car has the flying quail radiator ornament which was optional (\$3.00).

The car had a three-speed sliding gear transmission with a reverse speed. Model A's had four-wheel mechanical drum brakes. Top speed was a little over 60 mph and mileage was a rather remarkable 40 mpg. The fuel tank was located in the cowl, between the fire wall and the dash panel. It had a visual fuel gauge and fuel flowed to the carburetor by gravity. The Model A was the first car to have safety glass in the windshield.



Production of the first million Model A's was completed on February 4, 1929. Construction of the second million began on July 24, 1929.

Model A's were produced until Aug. 31, 1931 until they were replaced by the Model B.

Ford produced 4,320,446 Model A's.

Sources: Standard Catalog of American Cars, 1805 -1942. Beverly Rae Kimes, et al. 3rd ed. Krause Publications, 1996.

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