

1907 Ford Model N Runabout

Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By Assembled At Body Horsepower Weight 1907 Cost

Ford Motor Company Ford Piquette Avenue Plant Model Production 2,194 (this model only in 1907) Annual Production 14,887 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1907) Runabout 15 800 pounds/363 kilograms \$600 (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

Because the Model N was inexpensive, reliable, simple and small, it was a very popular automobile. Two-seater runabouts like this 1907 Ford Model N were favored by middle-class Americans who could afford one. They were fast and rugged. Most runabouts featured one- or two-cylinder engines and bicycle-style chain drives. But this Ford Model N offered four cylinders and a shaft drive, plus it cost less. At \$600, it became the bestselling car in America.

Jerry VanOoteghem

On loan from Jerry VanOoteghem of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Jerry has several cars on loan to Piquette. He is also a very active member of the Piquette T's – a Model T club hosted at this museum.

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