

# 1920 Ford Model T Custom Speedster



## Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By Ford Motor Company

Assembled At Ford Highland Park Plant in Highland Park,

Michigan (or a branch assembly plant)

Model Production Unknown

Annual Production 941,042 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1920)

Body Speedster

Horsepower 20

Weight Unknown
1920 Cost Unknown

Price Change \$50 greater from 1919 (chassis only)

#### **Innovations**

Less weight - no fenders, windshield, body parts

"Streamlined" body

This engine is counter balanced with bolt-on weights

The low radiator has extra cooling fins

### Model T's Made Into Racers

This is a very nice example of a crude, home-built speedster that might have been assembled by a teenager in the late 1920s. All unnecessary components have been eliminated to lighten the vehicle, and seating is provided by a "recycled" set of bucket seats from a circa 1910 runabout. The car features several pieces of aftermarket Model T speed equipment, including a Ricardo cylinder head, a Bosch distributor, and a performance intake manifold. Hundreds of such speed accessories were available during and after the Model T era. The basis for the vehicle was a used (and perhaps worn out) 1920 Model T, probably obtained for \$20 or less, and extensively rebuilt by a youthful speed enthusiast!

## Randy Shelton

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