

1917 Ford Model T Coupelet



Adopted By:

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Adopted Through: February 2025

Manufacturing Information

Manufactured By Ford Motor Company

Assembled At Ford Highland Park Plant in Highland Park,

Michigan (or a branch assembly plant)

Model Production 7,343 (this model only in 1917)

Annual Production 735,020 (all vehicles this manufacturer in 1917)

Body Coupelet

Horsepower

1,580 pounds/720 kilograms Weight

1917 Cost \$505 (USD)

Innovations

Padded top is unique to 1917 Coupelets

Gas tank, under the seat, is round with a special domed cover unlike any other Model T

Removable window mullions (center posts) are stored in a special compartment behind the seat

Body similar to a 1916, but fenders crowned and curved

First full year that radiator shells were painted black - previous shells were brass (not painted)

Very Unique Windows!

Ford Coupes and Coupelets have appeared numerous times during Model T production. Ford originally offered enclosed (hardtop), two-seater Coupes from 1909 - 1912. Only about 300 were made during this period. The first Coupelets appeared in 1915 and had convertible tops. There were actually three different Coupelet-style bodies that were produced in 1917. This version has a hard top and four side windows that may be elevated into position with straps. Please note that we have left the windows on the driver's side up and the windows on the passenger side down for your comparison. The passenger side center window support is stored in a compartment behind the seat. The driver side window support stores in the same manner.

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This car was restored by David and Karen Simmering of Afton, Tennessee. They purchased the car in 1985 and did a complete restoration of the vehicle. Since 1988 it has participated in scores of Model T tours and events. It was featured on the cover of the MTFCI Model T Times in March/April 1988.



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