

1903 Model A



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The Model A played a pivotal role in Ford Motor Company history.

Henry Ford faced a daunting situation in July 1903: The company's cash balance stood at less than \$250.

A much-needed cash infusion arrived on July 13: One full payment and two deposits totaling \$1,320 for three Model A cars kept Ford Motor Company afloat.

A red 1903 Model A Rear Entry Tonneau is believed to be car No. 3, chassis No. 30, and the lone survivor of the group of Model A cars sold on that day.

Executive Chairman Bill Ford purchased the vehicle at a recent auction.

This returns the oldest surviving Ford vehicle in time for the 150th anniversary of Henry Ford's birth in 2013.

Body: Runabout or tonneau

Wheelbase: 72 inches

Wheels: 29 inches diameter with artillery pattern

Tires: 3-inch double tube

Engine: Two cylinders producing 8 horsepower

Displacement: 100 cubic inches

Transmission: Two speeds

Gasoline tank: Under seat, 5-gallon capacity