



Marvels in Automotive Design

1930 Ford Model A

The New Two Window Fordor Sedan "Blind Back"

Think this is just another four door Ford Model A? Look a little closer and you will notice that the rear side quarter panel has no window.

The Ford Model A was the Ford Motor Company's second market success, replacing the venerable Model T, which had been produced for 18 years. The first Model A was produced on October 20, 1927, but not introduced until December 2. It was designated a 1928 model and was available in four standard colors. Model A production ended in March 1932, after 4,858,644 vehicles had been made in 16 different body styles. It was replaced by the Model B.

Traditional Fordor sedans had 3 windows along its side; front door, rear door and one in the rear quarter panel. The rear quarter panel window provided passengers riding in the back a clear view of their surroundings. Likewise, the window allowed people outside to see the passengers. Rumor has it that Mr. Ford, who traveled only in his cars, wanted more privacy when travelling and the idea of removing the quarter panel window was born. The public nicknamed the new style a "Blind Back."

The Model A before you is known as a Standard 2-Window Fordor Sedan. It was built in early February of 1930. The production timeline of this body style was very short. On February 28, 1930 Ford's Production Department ordered its replacement in production with a new body type to be known as a Deluxe Fordor, as soon as the existing stock was used up. This resulted in the production of 1,041 cars in March, and only 1 in April for a total of 5,279 of this rare 1930 body.

We welcome you to climb into this Model A and imagine a ride back in time!

Picture taking is encouraged!