

HENRY FORD TIMELINE

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Henry Ford was the founder of the Ford Motor Company and one of the richest and most famous individuals on Earth. His timeline runs from 1863 to 1947. His zeal for mechanics stayed with him for his life and made him an automobile industry icon.

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1863: On the 30th of July Henry Ford was born on a farm in Springwells Township, near Dearborn, Michigan.

1879: Henry Ford took his first job at the Michigan Car Company. The company located in Detroit dealt in manufacturing of railroad-cars.

1880: Ford worked as a machine apprentice and begun work of a watch repairman in a shop in Detroit during extra hours.

1882: Ford worked on steam-driven farm machinery in Dearborn area. Later, Westinghouse employed him to operate their steam engines.

1884–85: He attended a business school in Detroit.

1888: Ford wedded Clara Bryant.

1892: On account of a job in Edison Illuminating Company, he migrated to Detroit, accompanied by his wife.

1893: Clara gave a birth to little Edsel. He was promoted to the post of a Chief Engineer and was in a position to concentrate on his experiments.

1896: Since 1893, Ford had begun experimenting on his home-built internal combustion engines. In 1896, he succeeded in demonstrating his experiment by running his car first car called Ford Quadricycle. He drove it on the streets of Detroit for the first time on June 4, 1896. He was introduced to Thomas Edison during the same year.

1899: Ford backed by some investors established the Detroit Automobile Company on August 5. Unfortunately the plan failed and the company had to be dissolved in 1901.

1901: Ford was left jobless. He moved his family to his father's place.

1903: Ford, partnered by some other investors, formed the Ford Company with a capital of \$28,000.

1908: Model T was introduced. The car model had many structural changes like the steering wheel being on the left side and the use of semi-elliptic springs in the car suspension. The car was affordable to the masses and easy to drive.

1913: Around the first of April, the mass production of Ford's moving assembly line began. He is regarded as the Father of modern Assembly Lines.

1914: Henry Ford gave a high salary rise to his workers. This move attracted all the expertise of Detroit to work for him. He called this as the wage motive.

1918: On the request of President Woodrow Wilson, Ford stood as a candidate of peace and a backer of the proposed League of Nations. In December 1918, his son Edsel succeeded him as the President of Ford Motor Company

1920: By 1920, the popularity of Ford's car was on the peak. Publicity made the car omnipresent. Almost every American knew how to drive Model T. However, by the mid

1920s, increasing competition had a negative impact on Model T's popularity.

1926: The drop in the sales of Model T prompted Henry to make a new model. He made the body design of his new model, his son's prerogative. The result was the introduction of Model A in 1927, which was a success.

1930: The Universal Credit Corporation owned by Ford emerged as a major car financing organization. By 1932, Ford was producing one third of the world's automobiles.

1938: In July, Ford was presented the Grand Cross of the German Eagle, which happens to be the highest medal awarded by Nazi Germany to foreigners.

1943: Edsel Ford expired. Henry had to assume control over the company.

1945: In September, owing to his ill health, Henry gave over the presidency to his grandson Henry Ford II.

1947: On April 7, Henry Ford died of cerebral hemorrhage. He was 83. In the Ford Cemetery of Detroit, he was buried.

Timeline of Henry Ford marks Ford's entry into the aviation industry. Ford 4AT Trimotor was one of his very successful aircrafts. Ford's remarkable contribution to the aviation industry brought him an honor from the Smithsonian Institution.

He aimed at the economic independence of the United States. He wanted to manufacture a vehicle from scratch, without depending on foreign trade. He believed in peace. He fostered the concepts of global expansion of the company and international trade. Ford's work represented the distinctive American nature and culture.

He is regarded as the Car Entrepreneur of the Century and finds a place in the Gallup's List of Widely Admired People of the 20th Century, published in 1999. The year 1947 marked the end of Henry Ford timeline but he continues to live in the hearts of the masses as a man who brought about a revolution in the automobile industry.