



Finding Aid for

**ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS MANUALS COLLECTION, 1959-1988**  
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## **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

**CREATOR:** Ford Motor Company

**TITLE:** Assembly Operations Manuals collection

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1959-1988

**QUANTITY:** 7 cubic ft.

**ABSTRACT:** Consists of instructional and process manuals describing new model identification and production processes.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is open for research

**ACQUISITION:** Donation, 1992

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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

During model change and new product launches, the Assembly Engineering Department, Body and Assembly Operations at Ford Motor Company published “Here’s How” booklets and manuals describing new production processes and model change information. The booklets and manuals covered chassis, body, trim, electrical, and paint change details for Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury cars and trucks. The booklets and manuals were also used by plant production and purchasing staff to determine tooling needs and parts and supplies purchases. The manuals preceded detailed process sheets that were published and distributed to plant management when production for the new model year began.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Assembly Engineering Manuals collection consists of two series. The **Trucks series, 1961-1987 (1 cubic ft.)**, includes tooling descriptions, pre-assembly instructions, and new model information and identification materials. Truck products include the Econoline, Bronco, Bronco II, F-Series, L-Series, Heavy Truck, Light Truck, and Ranger models. The **Automobiles series, 1959-1988 (6 cubic ft.)**, includes tooling descriptions, pre-assembly summaries, and new model information and identification materials. Models include the Bobcat, Comet, Cougar, Fairlane, Falcon, Ford, Lincoln, Mark IV, Maverick, Mercury, Meteor, Montego, Mustang, Pinto, Thunderbird, and Torino.

## BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

**Box no.**                      **Description**

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### TRUCKS

#### Box 1

1961  
    Econoline  
    Truck  
1965  
    Truck  
    Truck-Econoline  
1967 Econoline-Bronco  
1968 Truck  
1970 L-Series Truck  
1976  
    Bronco  
    Econoline  
    F-Series Truck  
    Heavy Truck  
1979 Bronco II  
1980  
    Econoline  
    Heavy Truck  
    Light Truck-Bronco  
1981 ½ Heavy Truck  
1982 Econoline-Bronco  
1986 Light Truck-Bronco II-Ranger  
1987 Light Truck-Bronco

### AUTOMOBILES

#### Box 2

1959 Ford Passenger Car  
1960  
    Falcon  
    Ford Passenger Car  
    New Model Process and Tooling Highlights  
1961 Here's How New Process Report  
1962  
    Fairlane-Meteor  
    Falcon-Comet  
    Ford-Mercury  
1964  
    Fairlane  
    Falcon-Comet  
1965  
    Fairlane  
    Falcon

## **AUTOMOBILES (CONT.)**

### **Box 3**

1967  
Falcon  
Fairlane-Falcon-Comet  
Ford-Mercury-Meteor  
Mustang-Cougar  
1968 Mustang-Cougar  
1970  
Falcon  
Fairlane-Montego  
Ford-Mercury-Meteor  
1971  
Fairlane-Montego  
Ford-Mercury-Meteor  
Maverick  
Mustang-Cougar  
1972  
Ford-Mercury-Meteor  
Lincoln  
Maverick-Comet  
Mustang-Cougar

### **Box 4**

Pinto  
Thunderbird-Mark III  
Torino-Montego  
1972 ½ Pinto  
1973  
Ford-Mercury-Meteor  
Lincoln  
Maverick-Comet  
Mustang-Cougar  
Pinto  
Thunderbird-Mark IV  
Torino-Montego

### **Box 5**

1974  
Ford-Mercury  
General Occupant Restraint Report  
Maverick-Comet  
Mustang  
Pinto  
Thunderbird-Mark IV  
Torino-Montego-Cougar

## **AUTOMOBILES (CONT.)**

### **Box 5 (cont.)**

1975  
Ford-Mercury  
Lincoln  
Maverick X-Comet X

### **Box 6**

Mustang  
Pinto  
Thunderbird-Mark IV  
Torino-Montego-Cougar  
1976 Torino-Montego  
1977 Pinto-Bobcat Special  
1978 Maverick-Comet  
1979 Ford-Mercury  
1980  
Lincoln Mark  
Mustang-Capri

### **Box 7**

1981  
Ford-Mercury  
Thunderbird-XR7  
1981 ½ Pinto-Bobcat  
1982  
Fairmont-Zephyr  
Granada-Cougar  
Lincoln-Mark IV  
Mustang-Capri  
1983 ¼ Thunderbird-XR7  
1985  
Aerostar  
Escort-Lynx-EXP  
Lincoln  
Mark VII  
1986  
Tempo-Topaz  
LTD-Marquis  
1987 Escort-Lynx  
1988 Thunderbird-Cougar  
1988 ½ Escort  
Undated Manuals  
Hows and Whys of Sealing  
Windshield Dos and Don'ts, All Car Lines  
Airless Spray Seam Sealer