



Finding Aid for

**MODEL T PART SPECIFICATION AND MACHINE OPERATION  
SHEETS, 1915-1926  
Accession 166**

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## OVERVIEW

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 166

CREATOR: Ford Motor Company

TITLE: Model T part specification and machine operation sheets

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1915-1926

QUANTITY: 2.8 cubic ft.

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English

ABSTRACT: The part specification sheets are part of Ford Motor Company's purchasing system. Each automobile part had its own informational sheet and corresponding number. This collection includes Model T, truck, Lincoln and Fordson tractor sheets.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The materials are open for research
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to The Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
- ACQUISITION:** Ford Motor Company Archives donations, 1964.
- PREFERRED CITATION:** Item, folder, box, accession 166, Model T part specification and machine operation sheets, Benson Ford Research Center, The Henry Ford
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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Ford Motor Company as part of its purchasing system created part specification sheets. The sheets were drawn up by the Engineering Department and provide a detailed listing of the specifications the part was to be made to. A different sheet was created for each individual Model T part. The sheets, along with mechanical drawings for the part were provided to outside parts vendors. These documents then served as the basis for price quotes to Ford. Information on the part specification sheets includes the material used for the part, finish of the part (if applicable), shipping weight and instructions, and sources of supply. The machine operation sheets identify the specific operations and order of assembly for various Model T parts. The sheets also list the estimated time required to perform each operation and the material or process used to paint or protect the part.

A translation of the numbers can be found in the Ford Motor Company publication *Numerical Lists of Model T and TT Parts* from 1920.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The part specification sheets are organized by factory or symbol number. Each Model T part was given a unique symbol number that identifies the part in engineering, production and accounting records. The records, however, are not complete and contain numerous gaps in the symbol number sequence. Machine operation sheets are also organized by the symbol or factory number of the finished parts; they too are not complete. In addition to Model T parts, the collection includes most of the machine operation sheets for the Fordson tractor (symbol number prefix F) and most of the sheets for the Lincoln automobile (symbol number prefix L) 1923 to 1926.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

The collection is arranged according to subject.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

Names, Personal and Corporate  
Ford Motor Company

Subjects  
Automobile industry and trade  
Ford Model T automobile  
Lincoln automobile  
Fordson tractors  
Automobiles -- Parts  
Automobiles -- Design and construction  
Industrial procurement

## CONTAINER LIST

<b>Box no.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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### **Box 1**

Model T  
T-751-B2 to T-899-B  
T-906-B (includes part drawing)  
T-909 to T-967-B  
T-1034 to T-1198  
T-1201-DR to T-1599  
T-1602 to T-1773  
T-1774 (includes part drawing)  
T-1775 to T-1897  
T-1903-A2 to T-1998

### **Box 2**

Model T  
T-2000 to T-2076  
T-2079-R (includes part drawing)  
T-2082-A to 2863  
T-2907-A to T-4490-AR & B  
T-4453 to T-5636  
T-5809 to T-7979 LH  
T-8011-R to T-18813  
Part Specification Binder

### **Box 3**

Model T  
T -3-D to T-258  
T-260 to T-686-C  
T-1151-R to T-1860-C  
T-1865-B to T-2949

### **Box 4**

Model T  
T-3265 to T-5061  
T-5067 to T-5954  
T-5955 to T-5691  
T-7910 to T-8737-D  
T-8739-B to T-9997

### **Box 5**

Model T  
T-10124-5-C to T-16536-7  
T-16547 to T-17490  
T-40004-RH to T-45118  
T-45119 to T-50481  
T-50482 to T-57538

**Box 6**

Tractor

F-381 to F-4313

Truck

TT-1 to TT-2490

TT-2491 to TT-12335-B

TT-12336 to TT-13143

**Box 7**

Lincoln

L-42 to L-2288

L-2289 to L-4103

L-4104 to L-7579-B

L-7580-B to L-8941

L-8942 to L-16526