

MODEL A FORD BIBLIOGRAPHY and SOURCE LIST – August 2017

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There are many books on the market today that provide valuable information on the history and restoration of the Model A Ford. The following list of books includes a short summary of the information contained in each.

Model “A” Instruction Book – published by the Ford Motor Company this was the owner’s manual that came with every car. The publication changes some overtime as modifications were made to the Model A. A valuable reference on operation, owner maintenance, and on-the-road troubleshooting.

Parts Price List – published by Ford Motor Company this book lists and helps identify chassis and motor parts by their correct name and Ford Part Number. It indicates the years used and the correct attaching hardware.

Body Parts Price List Ford Model A and AA

Ford Motor Company, 1931, soft back. This book is a reproduction of the original body parts list Ford dealers used. Lists virtually every Model A part with year/model application and number required per vehicle. Very useful as a restoration aid to verify part numbers and variations. Also good section on finishes of fasteners.

Model A Service Bulletins – published by Ford Motor Company they are available in a loose-leaf format as originally issued from the MARC or as a smaller format hardbound book. They provide detailed information on maintenance, adjustment, and production changes that occurred to the Model A during its four years of production.

Model A Ford Restoration Guidelines and Judging Standards – published jointly by MARC and MAFCA this book with its revisions [2016 is latest revision] provides the standards against which all cars are judged. It provides documentation of what the Model A looked like when it rolled off the assembly line. This book offers excellent information on the correct parts to use during a restoration.

How to Restore Your Model A (Volumes 1 through 9) – published by MAFCA these books are collections of the best technical articles from the “*Restorer Magazine*” over the years and cover many topics involved in restoration of the Model A Ford. Each volume is different with no duplication.

Technically Speaking (Volumes 1 through 14) – published by MARC, this book is a collection of articles originally published in “*The Model “A” News*” and covers a variety of technical subjects. A very useful guide on a number of areas of the Model A.

"AA Truck Supplement to Model A Shop Manual"-by Jim Schild this paperback. Provides details on the "Big Iron" (AA Trucks) and the large version of the Model A Pickup.

The Ford Model A as Henry Built It - by George DeAngelis, Edward P. Francis, and Leslie R. Henry, 1971, hardback. A Color, Upholstery and Production Facts Book. Excellent history and general reference book on the Model A Ford. Many charts and facts that are found nowhere else. Authors all worked for Ford Motor Company and had access to Company archives.

Ford Model A Restoration Manual A-1 -copyright 1955, Ford Motor Company, reproduced by Polyprints, Inc., soft back, 72 pages. Billed as a "Model A Ford Restoration Manual", this little book is noteworthy for many side-view "blueprints" of many body styles with measurements. Also noteworthy is a list of colored advertisements that were published between 1928 and 1931 listed by year and body style, including the color of the car, the name and publication date of the magazine where the advertisement was used.

Henry's Fabulous Model A Ford- by Leslie R. Henry, 1959, soft back, Clymer Publications, Los Angeles, CA, 112 pages. One of the first books about the Model A Ford. Mr. Henry was the curator of the Transportation Collection in the Henry Ford Museum and drew from that facility and the Ford Archives for research into this book. Loaded with historical background information about the Model A and highlights of the many changes made during the production run. Also contains production and assembly plant statistics.

Henry's Lady - by Ray Miller, 1972, hardback. 320 Pages, 1029 photos and charts. Photographs are recent and primarily of restored cars. Lots of close-ups of details and other interesting data.

How to Restore the Model A Ford - several contributors, published by Floyd Clymer, Los Angeles, CA, 1961, soft back. Parts of several other books incorporated into this one; Victor Page's book, FoMoCo's engineering side-views with measurements, Floyd Clymer and Les Henry's archives photographs, the Ford Service Bulletins, and a history of the Model A from ***Henry's Fabulous Model A Ford***, by Les Henry. 224 pages.

The Legendary Model A Ford - by Peter Winnewisser, hardback, 272 pages, published by Krause Publications, Iowa Wisconsin. A history of the Model A Ford by an author who has written more than 270 published articles on automotive history and who has been a columnist for Old Cars Weekly ("Watching the Fords Go By") since 1983.

Ford Model A Album - compiled by Floyd Clymer and Leslie R. Henry, soft back, 144 pages, Floyd Clymer, Los Angeles. A pictorial history of the fabulous Model A Ford from beginning to end. Many photographs of virtually all Model A Cars from Ford

Archives photographs. Excellent source of information for detail on what the cars looked like when they were new. Wonderful addition to your Model A book collection.

The Model A Ford Carburetors - by Paul Moller, 1972, soft back. This little 58 page book is loaded with excellent information, pictures, and sketches of the variations of Model A carburetors. Covers the Zenith and Holley carburetors as originally outfitted on Model As, and a section on the replacement Tillotson and mention of other aftermarket brands.

Model A Ford Construction Operation Repair for the Restorer - by Victor W. Page, Post Motor Books, 1961, 1973, hardback, 530+ pages. Originally published in April 1931, this commemorative edition has been republished with additional era advertisements in the back. It offers everything to make the amateur hobbyist a master mechanic. Explains all systems in simple terms. Lots of photos and illustrations

Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook - by Les Andrews, published by Cottage Hill Publishing 1997, softbound, 400+ pages. Designed for the novice and master mechanic alike, this book offers simple step-by-step disassembly instructions for the repair of virtually every major Model A component. Also include is a complete guide to lubrication, a safety inspection checklist, complete specification list, thread and tap sizes, and other references not seen before. Extensively illustrated with hundreds of drawings and tables. Also included are sections on trouble analysis and service adjustments.

Model A Ford Mechanics Handbook Vol. II - by Les Andrews, published by Cottage Hill Publishing 2003, softbound. Covers modifications for touring including 12-volt conversion, brake floaters, hydraulic brakes, installing fender wells, overdrives, radios, air conditioning, body alignment, and may other touring modifications. Like Les' other books this is extensively illustrated with hundreds of drawings and tables.

Model A Ford Restoration Handbook - by Gordon E. Hopper, published by Floyd Clymer, Los Angeles, CA, 1960s, soft back. "Authentic photos - specifications. Step-by-step restoration procedure" said the title page. This was "state-of-the-art" in the late 1960's. Parts of several other books incorporated into this one; Victor Page's book, FoMoCo's engineering side-views with measurements, Floyd Clymer and Les Henry's archives photographs dominate this 184-page book.

Model A Ford Service Bulletins Complete - when the Model A was new, FoMoCo sent monthly service bulletins to their dealers' mechanical staff to inform them on service routines, changes in parts, service tips, etc. A complete set of these are very rare. In 1957, Dan Post published a 5"x8" soft back version of the Service Bulletins (gray cover). This was followed by a hardback version (yellow cover, 320 pages) about 1972 that's still being sold today.

About 1974, the service bulletins were reproduced almost exactly, even down to the dark blue covers, string binding, and original sized shiny paper by Ben Staub, Dayton Carrier

Company of Dayton Ohio, who also sold Model A Trunks. This reproduction can still be obtained from MARC.

Model A Ford Troubleshooting & Diagnostics - by Les Andrews, published by Cottage Hill Publishing 1997, softbound, 400+ pages, ISBN-0-9658240-1-2. Designed to give the driver an upper hand in locating and identifying the cause of a failure quickly. How to fix it in clear, nontechnical language and easy-to-follow directions that don't require a master mechanic degree to understand.

Model A Miseries & Cures - by Mary Moline (Rumbleseat Press, circa 1973). As the title implies, this is a compilation of the many different troubles, or miseries, which commonly beset the Model A owner, and the cures for them. This is NOT a technical book, but a series of tips for the modern Model A driver to diagnose and correct operating difficulties.

Restorer's Model A Shop Manual – by Jim Schild, soft back. This well-written and handsomely illustrated for anyone restoring a Model 'A' Ford. For the past 10 years, it has been the top selling book of it's kind.

Restoring the Model "A" Pickup - by Mack Hils, published by Mack Products, Moberly MO 1982, soft back, 48 pages. Describes in high detail the special features of the Model A Ford Pickups, both closed cab and open cab models. More than 1/2 of this book are photographs of trucks and details.

Tiny Tips - by Tiny Snell, spiral bound, Tiny Snell Publications, Burbank California, 1962. Only 60 pages and crudely typeset (typewritten?), this book nevertheless has dozens of tiny tips on Model A restoration, maintenance and operation as originally published in The Restorer.

Those Wonderful Unauthorized Accessories for Model A Ford – by Murray Fahnestock, Post Motor Books, 1971, soft back. Manufacturers of all sorts rose to the occasion of outfitting The New Ford with all kinds of gadgets, from useful to frivolous, from anti-rattle tension springs to major components such as the Ruckstell two-speed rear axle. Original advertisements of just about every possible accessory and replacement part, none manufactured by FoMoCo (to their chagrin!)

Zenith Carburetor Restoration Guide - by Steve Pargeter. This 40-page guide provides detailed history of the Zenith carburetor, restoration and rebuilding instructions, and a full listing of all variations and combinations used. It contains detailed the theory of operations for the Zenith, instructions for flow testing jets, setting fuel levels, and troubleshooting problem carburetors

Ford Model A Standard Hardware – by Mick Isbell. Jointly published by MARC/MAFCA. A detailed compilation of all the bolts, screws, nuts, and washers used on the Model "A." Fully illustrated.

Model "A" Paint and Finish Guide – Published by MAFCA it provides chips of the various colors used on the Model A, details on how to properly pin stripe the vehicles, and good information on how to prepare surface and apply paint. The chips are large and suitable for color matching by automotive paint suppliers. 3rd edition is the one to get.

Model A Ford Shop Drawings - published by MAFCA. This is a collection of loose “blow up” drawings of the covered components. An excellent reference for restoration as the drawings illustrate correct assembly. The various parts catalogs use some of these illustrations to show parts and assemblies.

A Pictorial Guide to the Mechanical Features of the Model A Ford – This publication by the Victoria Association contains the parts drawings of Howard Barnes from the previous two books and the Victoria illustration by Andrews Ramberg. Nice drawings the help on the assembly of the Vicky and A-400.

Antique Ford Repaint Manual 1928-1936 - Contains paint chips and color schemes. Covers preparation, equipment, and paint application.

Ford Chassis Parts and Accessories, 1928-48 – by the Ford Motor Company this is the parts desk reference used by dealers to look up part numbers and cross reference. The Model A is covered, but much of the book covers later models.

Matchless Model "A"- A pictorial tour of the Ford industries, which produced the Model "A".

Restoring the Open "A's" – Mack Hils, published by Mack Products, Moberly MO. Describes in detail the special features of the Model A Ford open cars (roadsters and phaetons). More than 1/2 of this book is photographs of open cars and details.

Selling the New Ford 1927-1931, 2nd. Ed. – by Jim Schild. Tells the story of the introduction, promotion, and advertising of the Model "A" Ford from early development in 1927 to the end of production in late 1931. Contains little known facts and pictures, including a *slant windshield* Deluxe Pickup.

The Model A Generator – by Paul H. McRee & William H. McRee. A comprehensive guide to the repair and adjustment of the Model "A" generator. Also includes special sections on the Model "A" starter, starter switch, and cutout. Contains many excellent photos and diagrams. If you're planning to rebuild your generator or starter, this is a must have book.

The Model A Engine – by Bill and Paul McRee. A complete manual for rebuilding the Model A engine with step-by-step procedures. Spiral bound.

Ford Model T & Model A Buyer's Guide – A brief history of the cars and a guide to different body styles available. Provides points of interest on various models and discusses purchasing concerns.

Original Ford Model A – The Restorer's Guide – by Jim Schild. Published in 2003, this book provides a wealth of information on the Model A along with some excellent pictures of various components. Very nice close-up shots and details of various cars and years. Does not contain all models, but a valuable tool for the restorer. Contains an excellent section of the Model AA trucks.

Service Letters – These letters went from the branch to the dealers in their service areas usually pre-dating the factory service bulletins that came out monthly. They contain a lot of information not published anywhere else. Chicago, Indianapolis, and Fargo letters are available from MARC.

Restoring the Model “A” and “B” Carburetors – The “Rex” Reheis Way by Gordon Biggar, this is a very well-illustrated and detailed book on restoration of the Zenith Carburetors including special tools and step-by-step instructions both for go and for show.

Materials / Services Suppliers

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