

## ***"Ford Model AA Service Car/Wrecker"***

**1930 Ford AA Truck**

**131.5" Chassis & Wheel Base**

**Model /Number: 229A**

**Weight: 2900#**

**Tire Size: 600-20**

**Motor: 4 Cylinder, 201 CID, 40 HP**

**6 Volt Battery w/positive ground**

**Transmission: 4 speed Manual w/Reverse**

**Fuel Capacity: 11 Gal. Gasoline**

**Chassis: Ford Motor Co.**

**Body: Briggs Manufacturing**

**Hoist Capacity: 6,000 Lbs.**

**Winch Control: Manual Crank**

**Quantity Manufactured: 521**

**Price New: \$790**

When the automobile industry was growing, highway traffic was always a concern. There were more stalled cars and more traffic collisions. With these conditions growing more and more often, Ford developed the Service Car/Wrecker. This truck consisted of a Ford AA heavy duty 131.5 Chassis. This chassis had a single axel with five slotted single mounted steel rimmed wheels. The wheels were produced by the Bud Company. The Briggs manufactured body included a tool box, a Weaver mechanical hoist, with a hand crank winch, high cargo box sides with a rail on the top, and a driver side door with an indent in it to prevent the side mounted spare tire from damaging the door when fully opened. Full length running boards were also provided for easier access to the cargo area and built in tool box. The appearance of these trucks lacked typical Model A shiny stainless steel parts and also modern day safety lighting.



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These trucks were sold to service garages, service stations, and Ford dealers. The Service Car/Wrecker was not only used for towing troubled vehicles. The Weaver winch also served as a portable crane for moving and lifting heavy objects. When using the winch, the most dangerous part is in the initial lifting process. The location of the crank control was installed in a safe right wheel fender area for the operator to be out of harm's way.

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