

"Ford Model A Convertible Sedan"

1931 Ford Model A Tudor Convertible Sedan

Motor: 4 Cylinder, 201 CID, 40 HP

Brakes: Mechanical

Transmission: 3 Speed Manual non synchronized

Body: Briggs Manufacturing Company

Features: Convertible Top w/side roll up windows

Body Style Number: A-400

6 Volt Battery w/positive ground

Tire Size: 4.75-19

Fuel Capacity: 11 Gal. Gasoline

Weight: 2,283#

Cost new: \$640.00

The Ford A-400 (2dr Convertible Sedan) was manufactured during The Great Depression. Sales were targeted to the middle income customers. It is generally accepted that the A400 was so named because at the same time there was a social register called 'The Four Hundred.' This register stood as a symbol of wealth and power, and one needed both of these to be considered a worthy addition. With leather upholstery, walnut wood-grain interior and carpets, the A-400, production began on May 22, 1931 and was publicly available in June. The total production of this model was 4077 cars. At the cost of \$640 made the Ford Convertible Sedan the most expensive model available at the time. When operating the convertible roof, guide tracks were mounted on the upper side rails. The advantage of having the side windows in place was to reduce the amount of wind coming in from the sides. The windshield opened on the bottom allowing air flow directed at the passengers feet, to allow cooling from the engine. Double clutching the engine in neutral gear allowed shifting from high gears to low gears without any gear grinding. The top speed was about 60 MPH.



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The original car was equipped with dual fender mounted spare tires. The luggage rack on the rear of the car was mounted at the dealership.

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