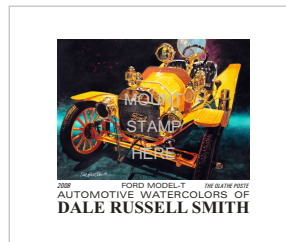


# American Watercolorist

## Dale Russell Smith

**Henry Ford's "Tin Lizzie"** - While Henry Ford referred to his Model-T as the "Universal Car." By 1921 it was also referred to as the automobile industry's truly first global car. With the Model-T accounting for almost 57% of the world's automobile production. But to most people, the Model-T was simply, and lovingly, referred to as the Tin Lizzie.



The first Model-T was introduced on October 1, 1908. The Model-T was the first low-priced, mass-produced automobile with standard interchangeable parts. The moving assembly line for the Model-T revolutionized manufacturing in 1913 and more than 15 million Model-Ts had been sold by May 26, 1927, when a special ceremony marked the formal end of Model-T production. On December 18, 1999, the Ford Model-T was named "Car of the Century" by a panel of 133 automotive journalists and experts who began with a list of 700 candidates in 1996 and sequentially, narrowed down the nominees over a three year period. The Ford Model-T was selected for the significant innovations that it represented in its day, as well as its design and its impact on both the auto industry and society itself.

By 1925, the Ford Model-T also came off the assembly line as the *first* factory produced domestic pickup truck. Known as the Ford Model-T Runabout, complete with a pickup body and with the ability of the Model-T to go nearly anywhere, it is considered to be the true forerunner of a wide variety of trucks and pickups today.

The watercolor painting used for this stamp depicts a 1912 vintage Ford Model-T Speedster, painted by master watercolorist **Dale Russell Smith**. The magnificent example of the classic Model-T automobile portrayed belongs to the John Hendrick's Collection and can be viewed at the Gateway Colorado Auto Museum.

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