



Finding Aid for

**FORD MOTOR COMPANY  
VEHICLE PRODUCTION RECORDS, 1946-1948**

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## OVERVIEW

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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 64.167.769

**CREATOR:** Ford Motor Company

**TITLE:** Ford Motor Company Vehicle Production Records

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1938-1948

**BULK DATES:** 1946-1948

**QUANTITY:** 3 cubic ft. (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English.

**ABSTRACT:** Collection consists primarily of "Monthly & Accumulative Record of Vehicles Assembled" forms completed by individual Ford Motor Company plants, and supplied to Ford's Distribution Control Department during the period 1946 to 1948. The forms include information on vehicle body type; wheelbase; engine type; number of vehicles assembled for a given month; and total number of vehicles assembled from start of vehicle model production.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The records 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 donation to The Henry Ford, 1964.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:  
- Ford Motor Company Branch Labor and Production Records, 1935-1941. Accession 759.
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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Ford Motor Company Vehicle Production Records, 1938-1948 (3 cubic ft.), consist primarily of Ford Form No. 6116 completed from 1946-1948 by individual plants, and supplied to Ford Distribution Control Department in Dearborn, Michigan. These "Monthly & Accumulative Record of Vehicles Assembled" forms include information on vehicle body type; wheelbase; engine type; number of vehicles assembled for a given month; and total number of vehicles assembled from start of vehicle model production. Researchers should note that these records do not include information at an individual vehicle or chassis level, and do not include shipping destination information.

Two abbreviations are used throughout on these reporting forms: BU which stands for "built-up", and KD which stands for "knock-down". These terms refer to assembly methods applied to vehicles intended for export.

## ARRANGEMENT

Records are arranged chronologically by date, and then alphabetically by plant name.

## SUBJECT TERMS

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford Motor Company  
Ford Motor Company. Atlanta Assembly Plant  
Ford Motor Company. Edgewater Assembly Plant  
Ford Motor Company. Highland Park Plant  
Ford Motor Company. Kansas City Assembly Plant  
Ford Motor Company. Louisville Assembly Plant  
Ford Motor Company. Rouge River Plant  
Ford Motor Company. Twin Cities Assembly Plant

### Subjects

Automobile industry and trade

### Genre and Form

Forms (documents)

## CONTAINER LIST

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

Production Record, January 1938 - April 1945 (Summary data for all Ford U.S. production and export shipments; data compiled in 1941, 1944, and 1945)

Individual Plant Production

July - September 1946

Buffalo  
Chester  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Dearborn  
Edgewater  
Kansas City  
Long Beach  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Norfolk  
Richmond  
Rouge Plant  
Somerville  
Twin City

October - December 1946

Buffalo (does not include October)  
Chester (does not include October)  
Chester Export (does not include October)  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Dearborn  
Edgewater  
Kansas City  
Long Beach  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Norfolk  
Richmond  
Rouge (does not include October)  
Somerville (does not include October)  
Twin City

January - March 1947

Buffalo  
Chester  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Dearborn

Edgewater  
Highland Park  
Kansas City  
Long Beach  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Norfolk  
Richmond  
Somerville  
Twin City  
April – June 1947  
Buffalo  
Chicago  
Chester  
Chester Export  
Dallas  
Dearborn  
Edgewater  
Kanas City  
Long Beach  
Louisville

**Box 2**

Memphis  
Norfolk  
Richmond  
Somerville  
Twin City  
July – September 1947  
Buffalo  
Chester Export  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Dearborn  
Edgewater  
Kansas City  
KD Export (KD is abbreviation for “knock-down”; records consist of Ford Form  
No. 6668)  
Long Beach  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Norfolk  
Richmond  
Rouge  
Somerville  
Twin City

October – December 1947

Buffalo  
Chester  
Chester Export  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Dearborn  
Edgewater  
KD Export (Edgewater) (KD is abbreviation for “knock-down”; records consist of  
Ford Form No. 6668)  
Kansas City  
Long Beach  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Norfolk  
Richmond  
Somerville  
Twin City

January – March 1948

Atlanta  
Buffalo  
Chester  
Chicago, Ill. (does not include January)  
Dallas  
Edgewater  
Highland Park  
Kansas City  
Long Beach, Calif.  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Norfolk  
Richmond, Calif.  
KD Assy (KD is abbreviation for “knock-down”; records consist of Ford Form  
No. 6668)  
Somerville

April – June 1948

Atlanta  
Buffalo

**Box 3**

Chester  
Chester Export  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Dearborn  
Edgewater

Highland  
Kansas City  
Long Beach  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Norfolk  
Richmond  
Rouge  
Somerville  
Twin City

July – September 1948

Atlanta  
Buffalo  
Chester  
Chester Export  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Dearborn  
Edgewater  
Highland Park  
Kansas City  
Long Beach  
Louisville  
Memphis  
Norfolk  
Richmond  
Somerville  
Twin City