

1929 Ford Model A U.S. Mail Truck 10350



History:

David W. Zimmerli found this beauty as wreckage in August of 1977 in Sharon Springs, NY. As seen in the restoration photos, the mail truck was loaded onto a trailer and transported to Long Island, where it was rebuilt from the ground up. This restoration project took 11 years. In 1988, it won 2nd place at the MAFCA National Convention in Sturbridge Massachusetts. The restoration took 11 years because of the difficulty in finding the correct parts and restoring it to the original specifications.

The accuracy and detail that was put into this mail truck is astounding. David spared no expense or effort in the 11 year restoration. He even cut down the oak trees and cured the wood himself for the new body. While the oak was drying, David Zimmerli spent hours pouring through postal service records and documents at the National Archives in an attempt to bring maximum authenticity to his project. The running gear was slowly accumulated. David even traveled twice to Pennsylvania Dutch country looking for seat cushions made with the proper horse-hair-to-hog-hair ratio required by 1929 government specs. He found them!

Back in 1929, the chassis for these mail trucks were built by Ford, but the white oak, ash, and yellow poplar body was constructed to government specifications by York and Hoover. About 400 bodies and chassis were shipped separately to postal centers and assembled there. The Model A's delivered mail throughout the thirties and World War II. They were phased out of service between 1948 and 1950.

David passed away several years ago but his recreated 1929 Mail Truck lives on.

Details:

Original Body Builder: York-Hoover Body Corp., York, PA
Only 400 built in 1929!

Engine Data:

Standard Model A chassis: 4 Cylinder 40 Horsepower Engine, 3 speed transmission

Note: Sold spring of 2008 on eBay