

The First '32 V-8 Jobs At The Rouge



Henry Ford stamping *18-1* on March 10, 1932.

Engine # 243, produced on March 7, 1932, became *18-1*, the first serialized production V-8 engine. According to the engine log notes, it was sent to 'final assembly' the same day. In the Ford Archives photo above, dated March 10th, Henry Ford is shown hand stamping what is presumed to be this number on top of the transmission case of this engine at the Dearborn Assembly Plant. From this and other archive photos, it can be concluded that a Victoria body was installed on this chassis further down the assembly line.



Nov. 1936

Edsel Ford, an enthusiastic and skilled photographer, often presented candid snaps as gifts to friends. Here he's taking pictures at the 1937 V-8's press preview in November, 1936. The V-8 85 and V-8 60 h.p. engines are in the foreground; Henry Ford at left.

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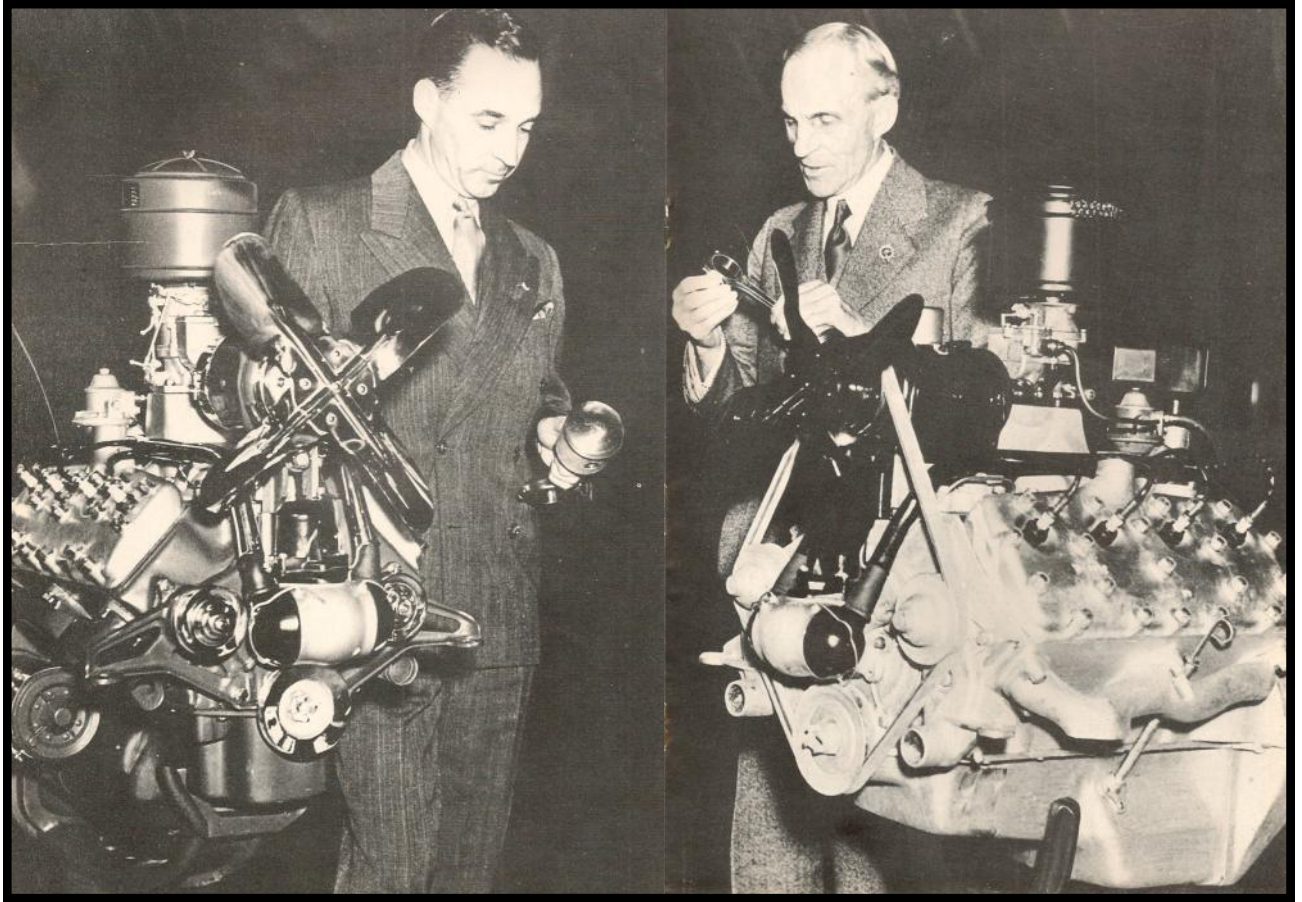
"A quarter century of progress is illustrated in this photograph... engines, cars and fashions. The year 1932 is represented on the right by the first Ford V-8 engine, the model car it powered, and the young woman's attire. Today's counterparts are shown at the left... an Edsel E-475 of the type that will be assembled next Thursday as Ford Motor Company's No. 25,000,000 V-8 at the Lima, Ohio plant; the 1958 Edsel car; and an example of today's fashions." FORD MOTOR COMPANY NEWS DEPT. DEARBORN, DECEMBER 15, 1957.

“Remembering Henry Ford”

1936



This photo is dated October 1936, so it is probably the new 1937 engine. Henry Ford always appeared “dapper” in his familiar “tweed” suits and vest.



V-8 TIMES magazine photo of Edsel Ford (left) and Henry Ford pictured with the famous V-8 engines. This is a photo from the November/December 1971 V-8 TIMES magazine.