

**The Model T Ford Club of America  
Operations Manual**

**MODEL T SAFETY INSPECTION FORM**

As a participant on the \_\_\_\_\_ Tour, hosted by the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America, you are required to inspect your car prior to being admitted to the tour. Please check each of the following with a "✓" for yes, "N" for no, or and "NA" for not applicable. Please mail before the tour.

**Steering**

Steering wheel has minimal (less than 2")  
to no play \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptable wear and minimal to no play in:

- Radius rod (wish bone) to crankcase \_\_\_\_\_
- Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering gear connecting rod (drag link) \_\_\_\_\_
- Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball \_\_\_\_\_
- Spindle bolts (king pins) \_\_\_\_\_
- Spindle connecting rod bolts \_\_\_\_\_

Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed in the following:

- Radius rod (wish bone) to front axle [2 required] \_\_\_\_\_
- Steering gear bracket to frame [3 required] \_\_\_\_\_
- Ball arm (pitman arm) to steering post [1 required] \_\_\_\_\_
- Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to yoke ball [2 required] \_\_\_\_\_

- Steering gear connecting rod (tie rod) to steering gear ball [2 required] \_\_\_\_\_
- Spindle connecting rod to spindles [2 (1 per spindle)] \_\_\_\_\_
- Spindle bolts (king pins) [2 (1/spindle)] \_\_\_\_\_
- Spindle arms [2 (1 per spindle)] \_\_\_\_\_
- Front spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)] \_\_\_\_\_
- Front spring to frame [2 or 4 required, depending on year] \_\_\_\_\_
- Yoke ball [1 required] \_\_\_\_\_

Safety-wire crankcase studs holding radius rod ball cap \_\_\_\_\_

Grease in steering gear case and steering gear bracket (also check gear post and pinion gears for wear) \_\_\_\_\_

Check for play in steering gear case to steering column (check rivets/taper pins) \_\_\_\_\_

**Brakes**

Brake pedal (and, reverse pedal) bottom out before reaching floorboards \_\_\_\_\_

Both rear wheels lock-up under hard braking \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Auxiliary brakes are highly recommended for stock cars and should be installed if car has an auxiliary transmission

**Emergency Brakes**

Hand brake sets securely before limit of its travel (check pawl and spring) and both rear wheels lock. \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The hand brake must be able to hold the car with the engine running and should be able to hold the car on a moderate slope.

Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed on:

- Control shaft assy to frame [4 required] \_\_\_\_\_
- Brake shoe bolt [2 (1 per side)] \_\_\_\_\_
- Brake rods [4 (1 per end)] \_\_\_\_\_

**Engine/Power Train**

Oil leaks — within acceptable limits \_\_\_\_\_

Gasoline leaks — none, when parked (in-line shutoff valve recommended) \_\_\_\_\_

Cotter pins installed on:

- Carburetor rod [2 (1 per end)] \_\_\_\_\_
- Choke/carburetor adjustment rod [1 at carburetor] \_\_\_\_\_

- Commutator rod [2 (1 per end)] \_\_\_\_\_
- Crankcase arm to frame [4 (2 per side)] \_\_\_\_\_
- Low speed connector [2 (1 per end)] \_\_\_\_\_
- Universal ball cap [2 (top bolts)] — bottom two cap screws safety-wired together \_\_\_\_\_
- Fan bolt (on earlier cars) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Wheels**

Spokes (and felloes on earlier cars) are tight _____	All wheels tight and axle/spindle nuts cotter-keyed _____
Front wheel bearings — no play, good condition and greased _____	Lug nuts tight on demountable rims _____
	Checked tires for wear, weather cracks, rim cuts, etc. _____

**Rear Axle**

Rear wheel nuts tight and secured with cotter pins (use long wrench) _____	• Rear spring hangers (shackles) [4 (2 per side)] _____
Cotter keys (or lock washers, if holes not drilled) installed: _____	• Rear spring perches to wheel flanges (backing plates) [2 (1 per side)] _____
• Rear spring to frame [4 required ] _____	No oil leaks at outer seals _____
	Check differential gearcase oil level _____

**Other**

Lights functional _____	Rear view mirror(s) _____
Brake light (may not be original equipment, but recommended) _____	Fire extinguisher _____
Safety glass (strongly recommended) _____	First Aid kit _____
	Registration and Insurance Papers _____

**Vehicle Data**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_ Identification # \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Information**

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver/Certification**

In consideration of my being permitted to enter my vehicle on the subject tour and all of the related activities sponsored by the host chapter and the Model T Ford Club of America, I hereby certify that:

- I inspected my vehicle as noted herein and believe it to be roadworthy.
- I understand the inspection items/listings contained on this form are compiled from sources believed to be reliable but are not completely inclusive of all areas and items that should be checked or that could cause safety concerns. No warranty, guarantee or representation is made by the host club or the Model T Ford Club of America as to the absolute correctness or sufficiency of any representation contained in this listing and the host club and the Model T Ford Club of America assumes no responsibility in connection therewith, nor can it be assumed that all acceptable safety measures are contained in this listing or that inspection of other areas of the vehicle or additional accessories may be required under particular or exceptional condition or circumstances for safe operation
- The vehicle is properly titled and registered, as required by the state of my residence.
- I certify that I have insurance coverage on the entered vehicle that covers my liability and physical damage as required in my state of residence.

I release and hold harmless the subject tour host chapter officers, directors and members and the Model T Ford Club of America officers, directors and members from any liability of any kind whatsoever as a result of any personal injury or property damage sustained by the undersigned.

OWNER/ENTRANT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_