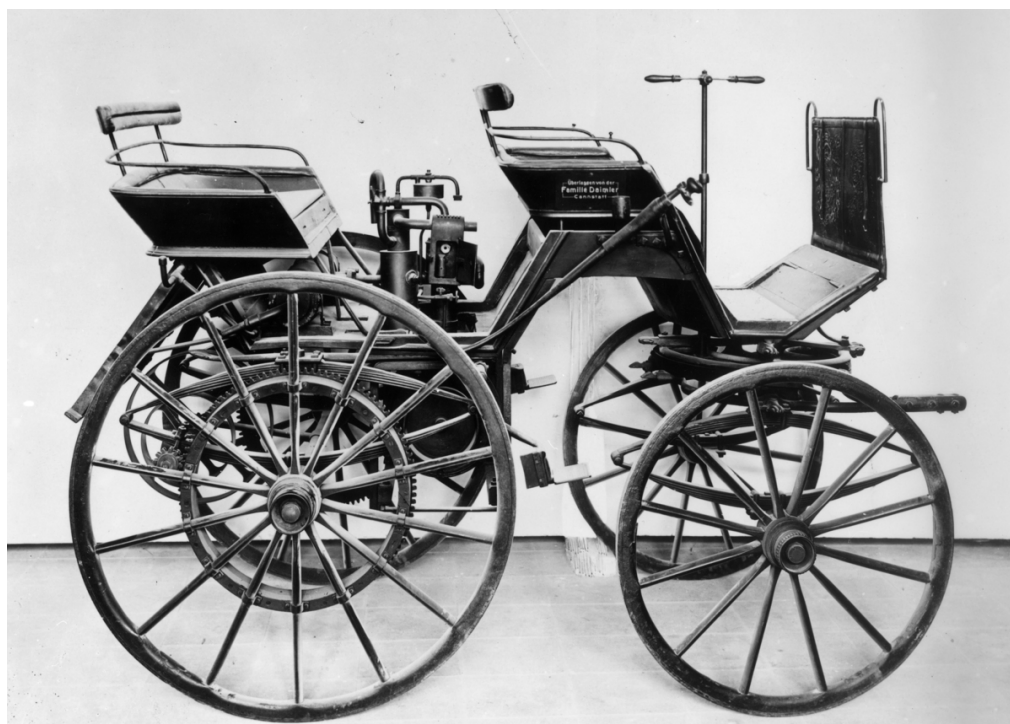


The First Four-Wheeled Daimler Motor Car (1886)

Abstract

In 1885, Gottlieb Daimler (1834–1900), together with his partner Wilhelm Maybach (1846–1929), adapted an early model of the internal combustion engine and patented what is generally recognized as the prototype of the modern gas engine. The 1885 Daimler-Maybach engine was small and lightweight, and by the end of the year it was put to use in both the first motorcycle and the first motorboat. On March 8, 1886, Daimler took a stagecoach (made by Wilhelm Wimpff & Son) and adapted it so that it would accommodate his engine. In the process, he ended up designing the world's first four-wheeled automobile, shown here. It was capable of a top speed of 18 kilometers per hour. In 1890, Daimler founded the Daimler Motor Company in Cannstatt, near Stuttgart, to mass-produce his designs. In 1899, Daimler asked Maybach to design a racing car, which was given the name “Mercedes.”

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