



Brief Chronicle of Jeep's History

Some dates and models may vary due to introduction dates and export only production

- 1941-'45: Total Production: MB ... 361,349 (Willys).
GPW ... 277,896 (Ford). First 25,808 MBs had flat bars in grille opposed to steel stamping, first 20,698 didn't have dashboard boxes
- 1942: Granville drives 'is first Jeep, falls in love
- 1945, July 20: First CJ (CJ-2) Jeep produced; serial nos. started at #1001, cost \$1090, total prod. 1,824. Up to #27,926 shock rebuildable. Up to #13,413: military rearend. Up to #38,221: column shift. Up to #44,417: gear-driven timing chain
- 1945, August 20: last military Jeep produced
- 1946-'49: CJ-2A, an improved version of the CJ-2 came into production.
- 1948-'53: CJ-3A introduced. Like CJ-2A but with a Dana 44 rear end, taller windshield, and a slight change in body dimensions.
- 1950-'53: M38 (military) similar to the CJ-3A
- 1950-1958: Australian Ben Carlin drives and sails amphibious Jeep "Half-Safe" around the world
- 1952-'68: (also 1971): M38-A1 military version of CJ-5
- 1953: Kaiser buys out Willys-Overland
- 1953-'68: CJ3B: Referred to as "high hood" due to the raised hood design to accommodate the F head engine
- 1954-'83: CJ-5: Rounded fenders and hood, considerably larger in size as compared to the earlier CJs with a one-inch longer wheel base and utilizing the 4-cylinder 'F' head engine (until 1972)
- 1956-'75: CJ-6 (101" wheelbase)
- 1955-'65: DJ-3A (2WD)
- 1959: Willie gets his first Jeep, military surplus '43 unit
- 1965: Dana model 27 front end replaces long used model 25
- 1966-'71: V6 engine offered, 10x2 brakes replaced the long standard smallish 9x13/4
- 1967-'71: Jeepster introduced; station wagon version of CJ-5
- 1970: AMC takes over Kaiser-Jeep
- 1972-'73: Commando: restyled Jeepster with optional V8 engine
- 1970: American Motors acquires Jeep. Dana 44 rear end design is changed from tapered axle to flanged end
- 1972: AMC 232 or 258 six or 304 V8 available, switch to model 20 transfer case, wheelbase increased by 3 inches, track width increased with Dana 30 front axle, front mount Saginaw steering power or manual, 11x2 brake/overhead pedal ('71 had 10x2), rear-mounted tank, Dana model 30 front axle replaces Dana model 27
- 1975: Stronger frame, wider spaced rear springs, last CJ-6. CJ-7 available with automatic transmission
- 1976: New windshield hold-down, wiper motor moved inside. AMC corporation model 20 rear end replaces the Dana model 44 rear end
- 1977: Front disc brakes optional
- 1979: All CJs had catalytic converters and standard front disk brakes
- 1980: Pontiac four cylinder used, Dana 300 transfer case, TH- 400 dropped, replaced with Chrysler Torque Flite
- 1981-'85: CJ-8 Scrambler (103" wheel base 1/2 cab pick up version)
- 1981: 2.72 gear ratio used on six cylinders, new lighter version of six cylinder. Last year of production of CJ-6
- 1983 : Last CJ-5 came off the production line
- 1984: AMC four cylinder engine replaces GM engine
- 1985: Granville (now aka Desert Fox) writes *The Jeep Bible* in's trailer on a beach in Baja California
- 1986: Last CJ-7 produced
- 1987: AMC acquired by Chrysler
- 1989: Granville Goes On Ahead to the Great Jeep Journey in the Sky
- 1997: Willie completes revised and expanded edition of the *The Jeep Bible*
- 1998: Daimler-Benz acquires Chrysler; becomes world's fifth-largest auto maker.
- 2004: Willie adds The Ultimate Jeep chapter to The Book and updates Suppliers' Directory. Mark Askew contributes to comprehensive Bookshelf chapter.