

When Was the First Car Invented?

18th Century

19th Century

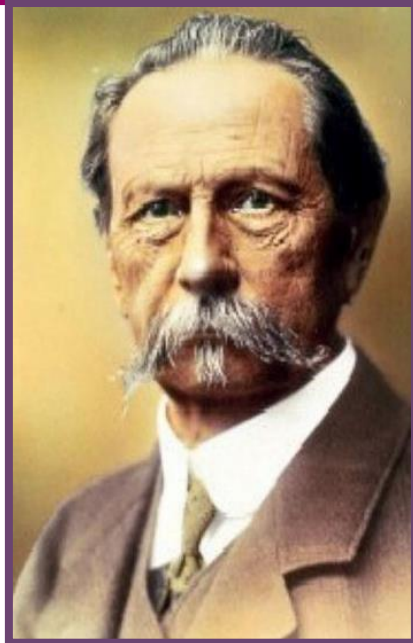
20th Century

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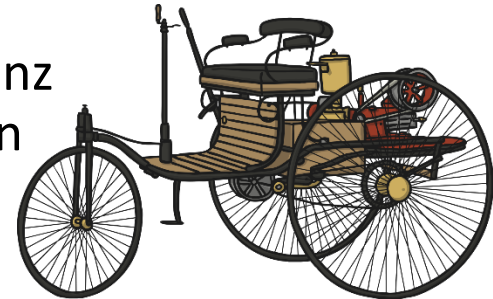
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1885

Benz builds the first 'Benz Patent Motorwagen' in Germany.



Benz invented the car using a **petrol engine**, which is the model still used now. Before he built this car, there were vehicles that used **steam** to move!

A History of Cars

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1770

Before Karl Benz invented the first car using a petrol engine, Nicolas-Joseph Cugnot had created a steam driven carriage in 1770, in France.

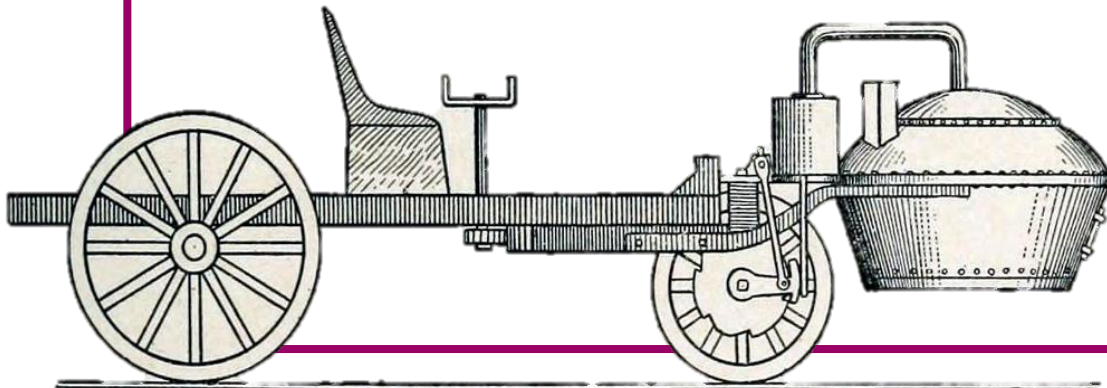


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It had two wheels at the back and one at the front. The steam created from the boiler at the front made the wheels turn.

Cugnot's steam carriage turned out to be very impractical. The boiler caused it to be too heavy at the front. Also the fire needed to be re-lit every 15 minutes to keep producing enough steam!



Baker Electric Car (1899 - 1914)

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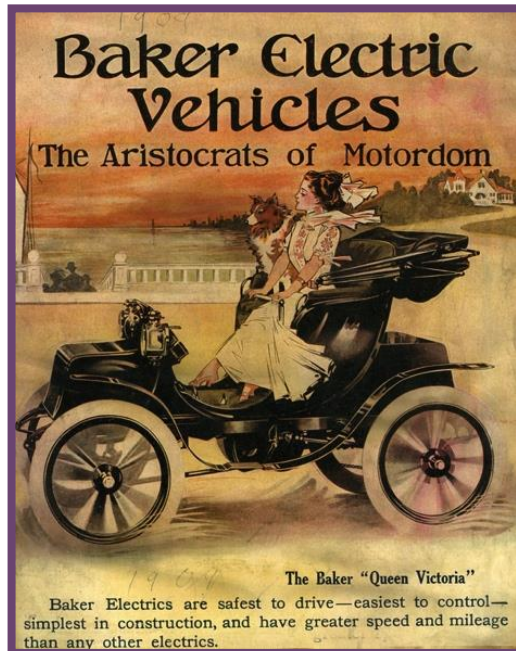
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1889

Electric cars were popular in the late 19th and early 20th century.



By 1914 they had lost their popularity to the petrol car, which was easier and cheaper to run at the time.

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Toyota Corolla (1966 – present day)



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Old model

2014 model



1966

The Toyota Corolla is currently the best selling car in the world. They are mainly built in Japan.