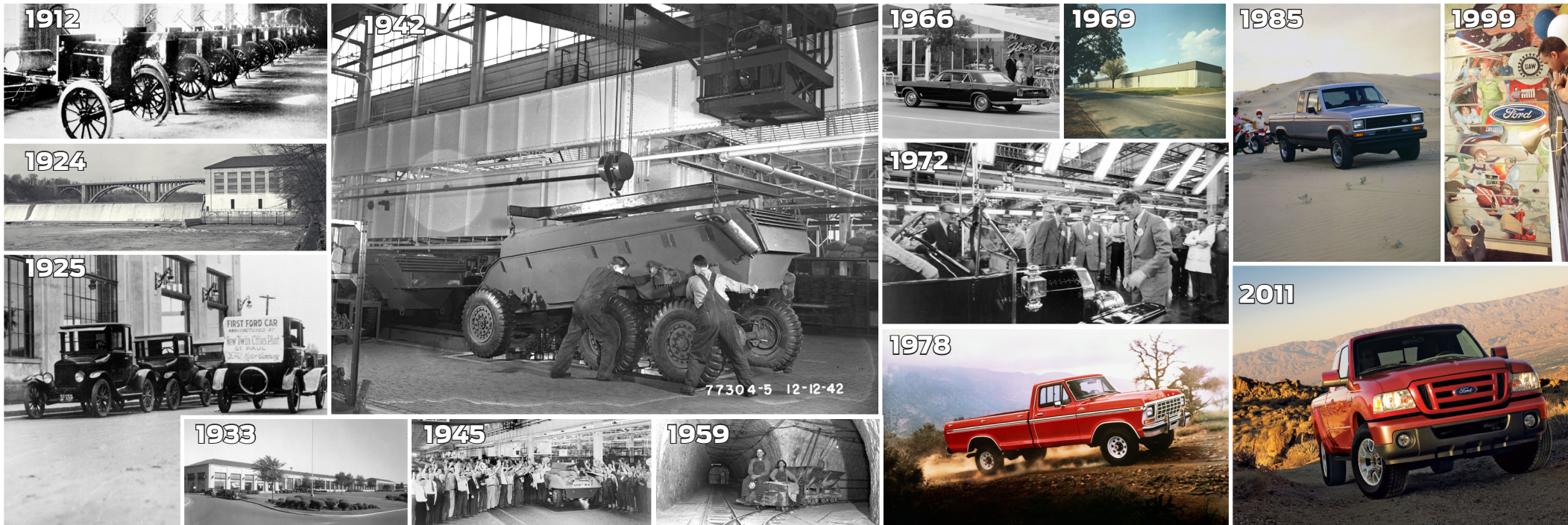




Twin Cities Assembly Plant

Twin Cities Assembly Plant has had a strong presence in Minnesota since the turn of the last century, when assembly and sales began in an old converted warehouse in Minneapolis. Over the years, the products and personnel have changed, but pride in the Ford brand has remained strong. Production at the historic site, which most recently produced the Ranger, will cease on Dec. 16.



1912: Ford Motor Company begins assembly and sales activities in a converted warehouse at 616 South Third Street in Minneapolis

1914: A new branch assembly building is constructed at Fifth Street and Fifth Avenue in Minneapolis

1923: Construction begins for new assembly plant in St. Paul

1924: Hydroelectric plant is the first part of the St. Paul plant to open. It harnesses the Mississippi River to produce 18,000 horsepower

1925: Twin Cities Assembly Plant is completed at 966 South Mississippi River Boulevard in St. Paul

1925: First car, a Model T, assembled at Twin Cities Assembly Plant

1925: A steam power station is constructed as an auxiliary source of power

1926: Production of glass begins at Twin Cities Assembly Plant. Silica sand used in glass production is mined from directly underneath the plant

1933-34: No production at Twin Cities Assembly Plant due to the Depression

1937: 1-millionth vehicle produced

1937: Glass production restarted

1942: Civilian production ceases

1942: First T-17 medium armored car produced. Other war production includes M8 armored cars, trucks, tractor bearings, and parts for Pratt & Whitney engines

1945: (circa) Ford Twin Cities' 5,000th M8 armored car produced

1945: Civilian production resumes

1950: Addition of truck production alongside car production

1956: 2-millionth vehicle produced

1959: Glass production ends

1962: Completion of expansion program adds an 82,400-square-foot warehouse and modernized operations

1966: The 3-millionth Ford built in Minnesota, a Galaxie LTD, is driven off the line

1969: Dedication of 85,000-square-foot expansion, including a new final assembly line and new facade

1972: 60th anniversary celebration of Ford manufacturing in the Twin Cities. Minnesota Gov. Wendell Anderson shows off a 1912 Model T during the celebration of Ford's presence in the Twin Cities, beginning in Minneapolis

1976: The 4-millionth Minnesota-built Ford is an LTD Landau

1977: Record production of 144,402 cars and trucks

1978: Car production dropped, making Twin Cities Assembly Plant exclusively a truck facility

1984: Construction begins on new 275,000-square-foot paint facility

1984: 5-millionth Minnesota-built Ford produced

1985: Production of Ranger Supercab begins

1985: 60th anniversary celebration of Twin Cities Assembly Plant in St. Paul. Twin Cities' oldest

retiree, 94-year-old Emil Saline, is shown along with St. Paul Mayor George Latimer and Plant Manager Robert Powless

1989: Construction of \$12 million automated warehouse begins

1990: On its 65th anniversary, Twin Cities Assembly Plant produces the 6-millionth Ford built in Minnesota

1990: Twin Cities Assembly Plant is the first Ford assembly plant in North America to receive a Q1 award for outstanding quality manufacturing

1999: Grand opening of new training center at Twin Cities Assembly Plant. The \$7 million facility is a joint project of Ford Motor Company, the UAW and Minnesota state colleges and universities

2002: Twin Cities Assembly Plant recognized as Ford Motor Company Best in Quality

2003: St. Paul Mayor Randy Kelly declares Ford Motor Company Day in honor of the company centennial

2011: Twin Cities Assembly Plant ends production on Dec. 16