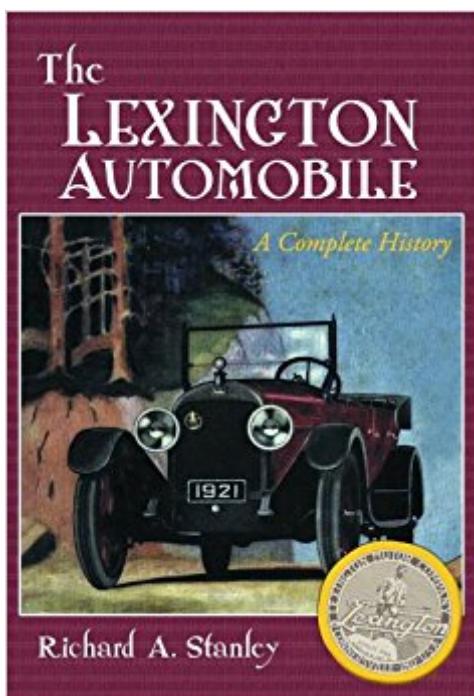


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The Lexington Automobile: A Complete History



Synopsis

Lexington, a smaller marque that twice won the famous hill climb at Pikes Peak, produced its first car in 1909 in its namesake city of Lexington, Kentucky. Although little has heretofore been written about the Lexington, and no company financial records survive, the manufacturer's story is fascinating and unique. Lexington, for example, was a leader in the use of color in magazine advertising and factory literature, and the company used advertisements to support contemporary issues like women's suffrage. Paralleling manufacturing trends of today, Lexington relocated to Connersville, Indiana, in 1910, with promised municipal perks such as new, advanced facilities, free water, and no local taxes for five years. From incorporation to financial insolvency in 1926, this is the first book to offer the complete story of the Lexington Motor Company as well as the related Howard and Ansted cars. Detailing company history within the context of the American industrial revolution, it follows the upstart manufacturer from initial choice of property, factory design and name selection, through relocation, World War I, ventures into auto racing, and finally a takeover by Auburn in 1927. It also offers detailed automotive specifications and options, and includes information on surviving Lexingtons. This comprehensive text includes over 240 photographs depicting the communities, cars and people associated with the Lexington.

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This is the most comprehensive information on Lexington I have found. There is nothing about these cars available on the internet. I really like the photos of the remaining vehicles as well.

I like the history of early automobile companies. I found this book to be interesting and well written.

I thought this book was very well researched and accurate. I learned some things I had never heard before about the car and also the Ansted family of which I am a member, being E.W. Ansted's Great Great Grandson. Having been born in Connersville, Indiana in 1937 it also gave me a feeling of what things were like in the early 1900's.

After having owned a Lexington for 30 years and not being able to restore the car until I found the Lexington history book. The research and dedication that the author Richard Stanley has put into the book is highly commended. For this I am forever grateful.

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