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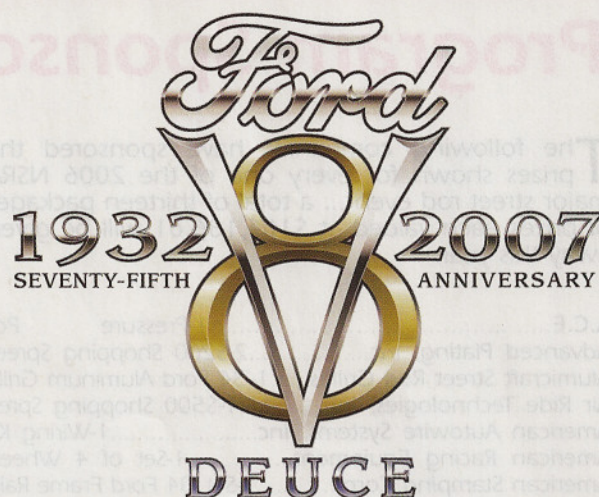
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## 75 Most Significant '32 Ford Hot Rods Selected by Panel of Experts

Cars to be Gathered in '07 to Honor 75th Anniversary of Legendary Car and Innovative Engine



**P**OMONA, California, January 21, 2006 – A committee of automotive and hot rod experts revealed its list of the 75 most significant '32 Ford hot rods. An earlier first round of balloting resulted in 474 individual '32 Ford hot rods being nominated for consideration. From that list, the committee voted a second time to select the 75 most important.

The 1932 Ford was a watershed vehicle for Ford, the automobile industry and American culture. Combining the innovative engineering of Henry Ford, in the form of the first mass-produced V-8 engine, with the styling sophistication of his son Edsel, the '32 Ford brought a new level of performance and flair to the general public. Years after its introduction, the '32 Ford played a major role in another revolution – the development of the hot rod. Built from cast-off cars in backyards and small garages, and assembled by young men with remarkable ingenuity and intuitive engineering, these cars performed far beyond their original capa-

bilities and often rivaled the performance of the best in the world. The hot rod also dramatically changed the direction of many forms of motorsports and became the foundation of today's \$31 billion aftermarket industry.

"The '32 Ford continues to have a tremendous impact on many aspects of the automotive world and contemporary culture," said Larry Erickson, chief designer, Ford Motor Company. "The '32 Ford is the definitive hot rod, nicknamed the 'Deuce.' This list of 75 recognizes the best of the best. The selection committee has members from around the country, even from overseas, and represents all facets of the hot rod world. The process used to gather the initial nominations, research the cars, reconcile differing descriptions and break ties for the last few spots on the list was really exhaustive and precise. This list is an important piece of hot rod history. These are the 75 greatest."

Announced at the 57th Grand National Roadster Show during its annual Hall of Fame

luncheon, the list of "The 75 Most Significant '32 Ford Hot Rods" is the first in a series of activities and events marking the 75th anniversary of the 1932 Ford, and its innovative V8 engine nicknamed the "flat-head." Ford will participate in celebrating the '32's impact on automotive enthusiasm and culture with a display of the 75 most influential and important 1932 Ford hot rods, sponsored by Ford Racing Performance Parts and Ford Powertrain. The display will premiere at the January 2007 Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona, Calif., the nation's oldest annual hot rod show. Ford will utilize the anniversary of its iconic 1932 model to celebrate the company's heritage of innovation, performance and styling leadership.

"The next step is to locate and contact the current owners of the 75 cars so that they can begin making plans to bring them to the '07 anniversary exhibit," said Erickson. "The whereabouts of about 20 percent of the cars is unknown. We're not even sure if they've survived, but we're