



This Month in Ford History: September

Month	Day	Year	Event
September	2	1996	Spain begins production of Ford Ka
September	2	2001	Ford's first production-prototype fuel cell vehicle, the Focus FCV, debuts at Frankfurt Auto Show
September	3	1980	New European Escort introduced
September	4	1917	Henry Ford II born to Eleanor and Edsel Ford
September	4	1957	Public introduction of the Edsel
September	4	2001	Land Rover North America, Inc. reports 200,000th vehicle sold in North America since inception in 1986
September	6	1967	UAW calls first company-wide strike against Ford Motor Company
September	7	1950	New Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for hourly and salaried employees announced
September	7	1966	Ford of Britain builds its millionth Cortina and sets record for the fastest million ever achieved by a British-built car
September	7	1974	Ford becomes the first manufacturer to double the warranty period for all cars to twelve months or 20,000 kilometers in Germany
September	7	1987	Ford Motor Company announces plans to acquire majority interest in Aston Martin Lagonda, Ltd.
September	9	1953	Ford produces 40-millionth U.S.-built vehicle, a Mercury convertible
September	9	1997	Ford creates Visteon Automotive Systems for the design, development, and delivery of fully integrated systems, replacing Ford Automotive Products Operations
September	10	1942	Willow Run Plant, Michigan builds its first B-24 bomber
September	11	1970	Ford Pinto debuts
September	11	1998	Alex Trotman announces his retirement
September	12	1988	Ford Motor Company and Nissan announce joint program for new minivans for North America
September	13	1961	Ford Motor Company announces plans to purchase the assets of Philco Corporation
September	14	1920	Henry Leland, founder of Lincoln Motor Company, introduces the Lincoln "L" series

September	14	1978	Philip Caldwell elected company president
September	16	1999	Ford opens £700,000 innovative training center at Ford Transit Plant in Southampton, England
September	17	1919	Henry and Clara Ford become sole owners of Ford Motor Company
September	17	1999	Ford announces it will deliver the first "no compromise" family-oriented hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) to the Department of Energy in October 1999
September	17	1999	Ford Motor Company Philippines celebrates the inauguration of its four-billion peso Manila, Philippines plant, situated in a 21-hectare property inside the Greenfield Automotive Park in Santa Rosa, Laguna
September	18	1942	President Franklin D. Roosevelt tours Willow Run bomber plant
September	18	1998	The U. S. Postal Service awards a \$206.4 million contract to Ford for 10,000 alternative fuel delivery vehicles to replace aging postal vehicles used for daily delivery to city and business customers
September	20	2000	The one-millionth Super Duty F-Series produced since the vehicle's major redesign for the 1999 model year
September	21	1945	Henry Ford II named company president
September	21	1998	Ford and NASA bring artificial intelligence to vehicles courtesy of a new neural network computer chip that mimics the human mind and promises to reduce vehicle emissions and improve fuel economy by monitoring fuel combustion
September	21	2000	Ford of Canada delivers the first THINK city electric vehicle in Canada to the chairman and CEO of Ballard Power Systems
September	25	1913	Contracts signed to sell Ford Model T in China
September	25	1983	Ford introduces the Escort convertible in Germany
September	25	2000	Neiman Marcus Edition of the model year 2002 Ford Thunderbird sets a world record for any vehicle offered through the Neiman Marcus catalog. The 200 vehicles [intended to be collectors' items] are completely sold out within 2 hours and 15 minutes after the phone lines opened
September	26	1956	Central Office Building (now the Henry Ford II World Center, the company's headquarters in Dearborn) is dedicated
September	28	1926	Ford Motor Company opens branch in Alexandria, Egypt
September	28	1982	Ford Chairman, Philip Caldwell, and UAW President, Douglas Fraser, break ground for new UAW-Ford National Development and Training Center in Dearborn
September	28	1994	Jaguar launches the X300 generation of its XJ flagship saloon
September	29	1953	Groundbreaking ceremony for Ford Motor Company World Headquarters in Dearborn, MI
September	29	1960	Econoline models introduced in North America
September	29	1987	Henry Ford II dies at age 70
September	29	1994	Ford Contour and Mercury Mystique — 'global cars' sharing the same platform as the Ford Mondeo in Europe--are introduced in the United States
September	29	1995	Assembly plant in Plonsk, Poland opens and begins production
September	29	1996	Ford of Korea, joint venture with Kia Motor Co., established to distribute vehicles to South Korea dealers

September 30 1966	Mercury Cougar introduced in North America
September 30 1980	Ford announces plans for performance-oriented Special Vehicle Operations