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The Art of the Automobile**

The Art Deco movement inspired a golden age of car design, including the 'Great Gatsby era' when some of the most fabulous cars ever created were produced.

The earliest cars were purely functional and lacked even the most basic of passenger comforts, such as doors or even windscreens to protect passengers from the elements. However, progress was rapid and by the mid-1920s we entered a golden age of automobile design. A new generation of stylish cars were influenced by the art deco movement and the 'Great Gatsby era' included some of the most famous and fabulous cars ever built. This period was followed by the Streamline Moderne influenced cars of the 1930s and 40s, with aerodynamic shapes and lots of chrome detailing. This talk covers some of the most beautiful cars ever built, and focuses on the work of the coachbuilders, who were inspired by the art movements and created 'mobile works of art'.



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Some of the Automobile Works of Art

