

FAMOUS PONTIAC FIRSTS

The proof of Pontiac's industry-leading, engineering accomplishments lies in this long list of automotive achievements which were developed or introduced by Pontiac engineers and first used on Pontiac automobiles. Many of these are now commonly used by other automotive manufacturers.

Duco finish for automobiles	Special analysis nickel-chrome steel for axle shafts
Cyanide-hardened transmission gears	Gusher valve cooling
Harmonic balancer	Built-in thermostatic control for cooling system
G-M-R combustion chamber	Foot-control for headlight beams
Electroplated pistons	Indirectly lighted instrument panel
Vacuomatic automatic spark control	Safety-shift gear control
Mounting of power plant on neutral axis	Butyl rubber radiator hose
Uniform, balanced connecting rods	10-W and 20-W engine oil
Crankshaft with integrally forged counterweights	Triple brake seals
One hundred per cent pressed steel axle housing	Sealed pressure cooling
Complete pressure-suction crankcase ventilation	Tapered valve stem guides
Mechanical fuel pump	4-way cantilever frame
Helical gear, silent transmission	Comfort Control 6-way seat
Quad-gallery lubrication system	Aluminized tail pipe
	Rubber engine mountings
	Ball-pivot rocker arms

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