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When Is a Sedan Not a Berline?

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Society of Automotive En gineers Issues Definitions of Fourteen Types

of Bodies.

What Is a Cabriolet?

The names of some 1925 motor car make such low powered terms as touring car and roadster look as out of date as two-cylinder curved dash models. What makes a touring car a phaeton? When is it proper to say berline and when should it be brougham?

The Society of Automotive Englneers, the recognized authority these matters, seeing a great need, has issued a set of definitions cover ing 14 body types.

A roadster is described as a small open type body, having one fixed cross-seat for two passengers and space or compartment at the rear for carrying luggage. Folding seats fit ting into the luggage compartment are sometimes used. . The conven tional type has two doors and a folding roadster top with emergency side curtains that are removable.

A coupe is an inclosed single com partment model, with one fixed cross seat. This seat may be straight and amodate two persons or stag gered to accommodate three persons With the latter arrangement a fo ing seat may be placed beside the driver's seat, thus making it a fourpassenger body. There are two doors and two movable glass windows each side; the roof is permanent, and there is a luggage compartment at the rear.

The phaeton is an open type body. with two fixed cross-seats for four or five passengers. Folding seats in the tonneau for two additional passenger are sometimes used. It has four doors and a folding phaeton top with emergency side curtains that are removable. Phaeton is now the proper term for the so-called touring car.

The coach is an inclosed single compartment body, similar in general ppearance to the sedan, with two close-coupled cross seats for four passengers. There is a luggage compartment or space for a trunk at the back of the body. There is no glass in the rear quarters. The conven tional type has two doors only, the forward seats being divided and the right hand seat tipping forward to give access to the rear cross seat me models have two doors on the right hand side, there being two fixed cross seats.

The sedan has an inclosed single compartment body with two fized cross seats for four or five passangers. Sometimes the front seat is divided by an aisle. Folding seats in the tonneau for two additional pas sengers are in some cases used. The conventional body has four doors, but some models have only two. There are three movable glass windows on



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lapsible.

The berline is similar to the sedan except that there is a partition at the rear of the driver's seat that makes it an inclosed 2-compartment body. Gen erally one glass window in the parti tion is made so that it can be moved horizontally or vertically.

A limousine consists of a partly in closed body, with a noncollapsible roof that extends the full length of the body and is attached at the front to windshield standards. Only the the rear portion of the body up to the partition at the rear of the driver's seat is fully inclosed. Forward of this partition the sides are inclose from approximately the belt only downward. There are two low doors and one fixed cross seat for two in the forward section. In the rear section there is one cross seat for two or three. Folding seats for two additional passengers are sometime used. There are two doors in this section and two movable glass windows on each side.

The brougham resembles the limou sine except that the noncollapsibl of extends only over that portion of the body that is entirely en A landaulet is similar in appear-ance to the brougham, except that the inclosed section is shorter from back to front, and the roof is fully collaps ble up to the partition at the back of the driver's seat. The body has one fixed cross-seat in the rear tion for two or three passengers, two doors made with either flappers or hinged upper parts, and glass win-dows in the doors only. The rear quarters, back and top, are covered with leather or fabric. There are There are outside joints to support the top.

Some manufacturers have to resc to compound names to describe their creations. The sedan-landaulet is of the same general description as the dan, except that the top back of the rear doors is collapsible. For-ward of this point the roof is non-collapsible and the windows are the same in number as the sedan. The rear quarters, the back above the belt and the roof are covered with ather or fabric. As for the othe "hyphenated" types, the coupe-lan-daulet bears the same relation to the coupe, the berline-landaulet to the berline, the limousine-landaulet to the ousine and the brougham-lan let to the brougham as the sedar

ndaulet bears to the sedan. The cabriolet is similar in appe ance to the brougham and has the general characteristics of the landauet, except that the falling pillarhinge is set back from the pillar and ows the curved parting line through leather. The rear section therefore longer than that of the lan-daulet. The body has one fixed cross seat for two or three, and folding seats on the partition for two additional passengers. The doors in the ear section are made with either ppers or hinger upper parts, and re are glass windows in the doors only. The top is fully collapsible, including the partition at the rear of the driver's seat. The upper rear quarters, the back and the top are quarters, the back and the top are covered with leather or fabric, and in the conventional design the top corners on both the sides and the back have larger radii than other types of closed bodies. As in the landaulet, there are outside joints to apport the top.

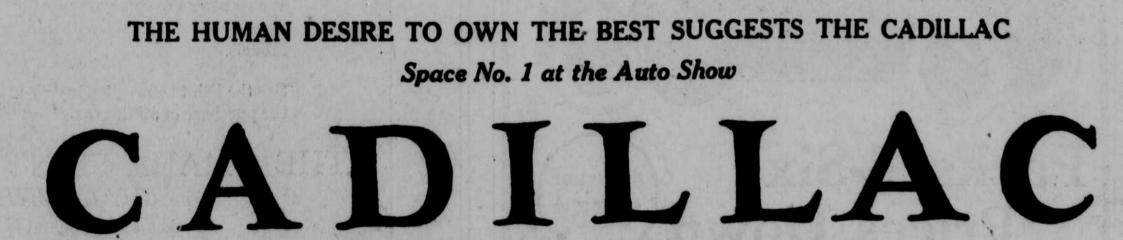


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