

1949 Ford Prefect E493A

The Ford Prefect was first introduced in 1938 and built at the Ford Plant in Dagenham, Essex. The original model was a slight reworking of the previous year's 7Y, which was the first Ford car to be designed outside Detroit, Michigan. It was aimed specifically at the UK market and incorporated a 1200cc sidevalve engine with a thermocirculation radiator (no pump) and could be started by a crank handle if the 6 Volt battery was unable to turn the motor. A total of 19,229 were produced during the period 1938-1953.



The Prefect E493A took over from its predecessor, the E93A, in 1949. Very little had changed from the previous model and as it was really only a cosmetic facelift which the Prefect needed to remain competitive. The front wings now looked more integral and carried larger headlamps. Later versions of the Ford Prefect (e.g. 107E) moved away from the perpendicular or “sit-up-and-beg style” (as it was affectionately known) to a more modern 3-box structure

The model in the BK Museum was manufactured in 1949 and acquired by the Museum in 1996. Restoration to the present condition was completed in 1999.