

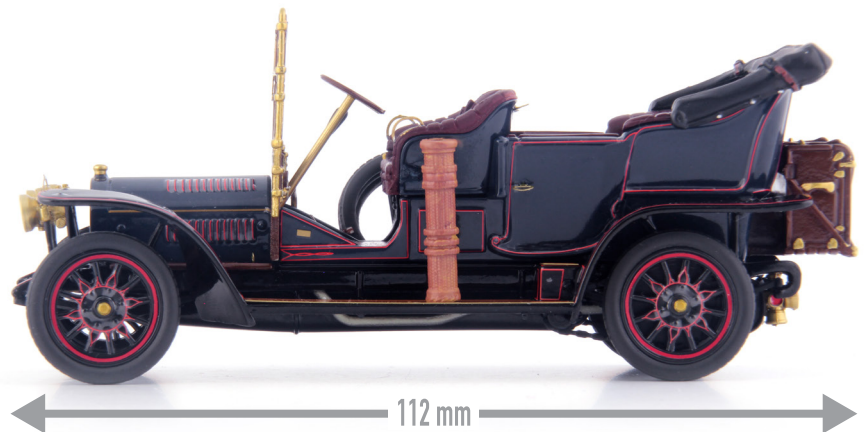
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In the first half of 1900 the model 35/40 was the top-of-the-range model of the company Benz. With an engine displacement of exact 3,380 cc, the four cylinder engine developed a performance between 35 and 40 hp at a speed of only 1,350 rpm. With a leather-lined cone clutch, a four-speed gearbox and by chain or optionally by cardan the power was transmitted to the rear axle. With a top-speed of almost 90 km/h the large Benz classed among the fastest vehicles on public roads at that time. Beside the top speed, for these kind of vehicles also the greatest level of luxury was essential. The Benz 35/40 fulfilled also this requirement; back then the sales brochure promoted a "smooth suspension of the car". Such luxury cars from the early years of automobiles also evoke the desires of the European princely houses.

One, who took a liking to motorized vehicles in the German Empire quite early, was Albert Wilhem Heinrich of Prussia; the brother of the German Emperor Wilhelm II. Back then

his engagement for technical things was such big that he already got his honorary doctors degree in form of the academic title "Doctor of Engineering honoris causa" of the technical university Charlottenburg at the age of only 37 years. Six years later he attracted attention with his patent application for a hand-operated windshield wiper. Due to the good financial background of his princely house it was a simple thing for Heinrich of Prussia to fulfill his automotive desires and therefore he also ranked among the customers of Benz.

With his Benz 35/40 double phaeton he participated in the 1,700 kilometers long-distance race "Herkomer-Konkurrenz" on 6-12 of June 1906.

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