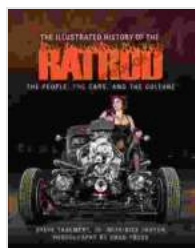


# The Illustrated History of the Rat Rod



Rat rods are a type of custom car that originated in the 1950s. They are typically made from old, rusty cars and trucks, and are often characterized by their rough and unfinished appearance. Rat rods are often seen as a symbol of rebellion and individuality, and have been featured in numerous movies and television shows.



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## History of Rat Rods

The origins of rat rods can be traced back to the early days of hot rodding. In the 1940s and 1950s, hot rodders would often use old, discarded cars as the basis for their projects. These cars were often in poor condition, and were often referred to as "rats." Over time, the term "rat rod" came to be used to describe any type of hot rod that was made from an old, rusty car.

Rat rods gained popularity in the 1960s and 1970s, as more and more people began to embrace the counterculture movement. Rat rods were seen as a way to express one's individuality, and were often decorated with unique and eclectic artwork.

In the 1980s and 1990s, rat rods began to gain mainstream popularity. This was due in part to the release of several movies and television shows that featured rat rods. Rat rods have also been featured in numerous magazines and books, and have become a popular subject of discussion on online forums.

## Characteristics of Rat Rods

Rat rods are typically characterized by their rough and unfinished appearance. They are often made from old, rusty cars and trucks, and may

have missing or damaged parts. Rat rods are often painted in bright colors, and may be decorated with unique and eclectic artwork.

Rat rods are typically powered by large, powerful engines. These engines are often modified for increased performance, and may be equipped with custom exhaust systems. Rat rods are often equipped with large, wide tires, and may have a lowered suspension.

## **Rat Rods in Popular Culture**

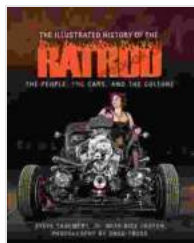
Rat rods have been featured in numerous movies and television shows. Some of the most notable examples include:

- American Graffiti (1973)
- The Road Warrior (1981)
- Mad Max: Fury Road (2015)
- Rat Rod Garage (2004-2011)
- Vegas Rat Rods (2012-2016)

Rat rods have also been featured in numerous magazines and books. Some of the most notable examples include:

- Rod & Custom
- Hot Rod
- Car Craft
- The Rat Rod Handbook
- Rat Rods: The Illustrated History

Rat rods are a unique and fascinating type of custom car. They are a symbol of rebellion and individuality, and have been featured in numerous movies, television shows, magazines, and books. Rat rods are sure to continue to be popular for many years to come.



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