

On the Model B REO Wolverine / Model B-2 Flying Cloud Mate / Model 15 Flying Cloud Genealogy

The Model B REO Wolverine was introduced in May 1927 as the lower-priced companion car to the 1927 Flying Cloud Model A which had appeared in January 1927.

The Wolverine was an 'assembled car' built primarily from out-sourced components including Continental drive train and Hayes-Ionia bodies and rode on a 115-inch wheelbase. The product line consisted of 3 body types.....a 2-dr Brougham, a 4-dr Sedan and a 2/4 passenger 2-dr Cabriolet all powered by a 15E-series Continental engine. Chassis serial numbers ran from B1 up to B4699 for 1927 models and B4700 to B14299 for 1928 models.

The Model B-2 Flying Cloud Mate was introduced in December 1928 as the successor to the Wolverine and the companion to the Model C Master Flying Cloud. The Flying Cloud Mate continued with the 115-inch wheelbase and Continental drive train but switched to Murray-built bodies. The product line included only 2 body types.....a 4-dr Sedan and a 2/4-passenger Coupe but in two series; a 4-wheel-with-demountable-rim and rear-mounted spare Standard series and a 6-wire wheel with side-mount spares and rear-mount trunk rack Sport series. Most of these units used a later 16-E series Continental engine. Chassis serial numbers ran from B2-14300 up to B2-20779 for 1929 models and from B2-20780 to B2-22464 for 1930 models. Most likely, 1930 models were left-over 1929s in inventory on August 1, 1929 as was the industry standard at the time. 1929 - early '30 B-2 Mates are easily recognized by the distinctive double row of louvers on the sides of the hood which swept-down from long-in-front to short- in-rear.

In January 1930, the B-2 Mate was superseded by the next series Model 15 Flying Cloud. These vehicles were dimensionally identical to the predecessor series and continued the same body styles, but later ones used a 19-E Continental engine in place of the 16-E and most replaced the double-row louver hood side panels with a single row of uniform height louvers. Because of the sales climate, many of these units were carried over and sold as 1931 models. Model 15 chassis serials run from 2B-22465 up to 2B-24253. Note the transposition of the B2 serial prefix on Model 15 production. Not all sources are consistent on this.

Summary REO Wolverine/Flying Cloud Mate/Model 15 Flying Cloud Serial Numbers

Year	Model	First Production	Chassis Serial Numbers	
1927	Wolverine	May 1927	B-1 to	B-4699
1928	Wolverine	August 1927	B-4700 to	B-14299
1929	B-2 Mate	December 1928	B2-14300 to	B2-20779
earlu '30	B-2 Mate	August 1929	B2-20780 to	B2-22464
1930	Model 15 Flying Cloud	January 1930	2B-22465 to	2B-24253
early '31	Model 15 Flying Cloud	August 1930	2B-24254 to	Unknown