



## WILLYS-OVERLAND (JEEP®) MA/MB

**Display Vehicle:** 1944 Willys MB

**Sub-Title:** "First 4x4 passenger (light Off-Road) vehicle"

**Year of production:** from 1941 to 1945

### Technical specs

Wheelbase:	80 in. (203 cm)
Length:	132.25 in. (336 cm)
Weight:	2,100 lbs. (953 kg)
Engine:	In-line four cylinders
Horsepower:	60 hp (45 kW)
Displacement:	134 cu. in. (2.2L)
Bore/Stroke:	3.125 in. x 4.375 in. (7.9 cm x 11.1 cm)
Compression Ratio:	6.48:1
Transmission:	Three-speed manual, two-speed four wheel drive

### Historical background

In 1939, with war raging in Europe, the U.S. Government issued a requisition for a light military reconnaissance vehicle for the Army. Willys-Overland won the contract with its "MA" design of 1941 (later MB - where 'M' stands for military and 'A' or 'B' indicates the series number).

But the Army – and the world – came to know this rugged little 4X4 as the Jeep®.

Authentic forerunner of the Jeep legend, this vehicle served as a troop carrier, reconnaissance vehicle, command car and ambulance.

Willys-Overland went on to build more than 368,000 Jeeps during World War II. Willys trademarked the name after the war and turned the Jeep into a workhorse civilian utility vehicle.

Modern-day descendants include current Jeep Wrangler, Grand Cherokee and Cherokee sport utility vehicles.