



# Jeep®

## WILLYS JEEP® CJ-2A

**Display Vehicle:** 1946 and 1948 Willys Jeep® CJ-2A

**Sub-Title:** "The First Civilian Jeep"

**Year of production:** from 1945 to 1949

### 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

Before the Second World War was over, engineers at Willys-Overland recognized the civilian use of the new Jeep. No other company in the world was, at that time, offering a light, economical four-wheel-drive vehicle to the general public. While the civilian version was very similar to its military predecessor, there were some significant differences between the two. Importantly, this vehicle is the first to wear the famous seven-slot grille. While the military version had 9 slots, the CJ-2A offered flush-mounted larger headlights which necessitated the removal of a slot on either side of the grille. Also, the spare tire was moved to the side to allow for a tailgate and the filler neck for the fuel tank was moved to the exterior of the body. Marketed as the "Universal", the CJ-2A was intended to do a wide variety of light industrial and farm jobs. A power-take-off unit was mounted at the rear to drive a number of farm implements which Willys also sold. Almost 80,000 units were sold in the first year of production. This was the first commercially successful mass-produced 4x4 ever manufactured.