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## UNTIL WE LEARNED BETTER

Until we learned better, we used to mix wood and steel in our car badies and wheels

It was the best way to make bodies-then. But the state of the art has advanced.
of course, it is more expensive to make an all-steel body than to make a wooden frame and nail steel panels on to it. The better way involves an initial expenditure of several millions of dollars for new dies which renders a change very costly. Cars, espeficd this, because the dies cost as much for one car as for a million. That alone explains why allsteel bodies are not used in all cars.

But our basic policy from the beginning is to make a good car better, regardless of cos because we lacked wood. We still have some thousands of acres of the best hard wood in America. Economy would urge us to use up the wood first, and then adopt the better all-steel body. But we decided tha quality was more important than expense

We weighed the reasons, for and against, before we made the change.
We could see only one reason for retaining a mixed wood-and-steel body -nailing the metal on, instead of welding an all-steel body into a strong one-piece whole. That reason was, it would be cheaper-for us. body is not much stronger structurally than its wooden frame. In all American climates, wood construction weakens with age. Every used car lot gives evidence of this. Rain seeps in between joints and the wood decays. A car may have a metal surface, and yet not be of steel construction. Under extreme shock or stress the steel body remains intact-dented perhaps, but not (ion. Wood is fine for furniture, but not for the high speed vehicles of 1933.

In the Ford body there are no joints to squeak, no seams to crack
The all-steel body is more expensive-to us, but not to you
By all odds, then, steel bodies seem preferable.
Wheels also have become all-steel. No one argues that an electrically welded one-piece steel wheel, such as the Ford wheel, needs to be

The one-piece all-steel body is the strongest, safest, quietest, most durable body made. That is our only reason for making them.

