

# Building the Ford Transit Family

# 50 TRANSIT



1965  
First Transit rolls off the production line at Langley, England on Aug. 9



1968  
High-speed York diesel launched



1972  
Top-weight 3.5-tonne model introduced. Front discs standardised. Millionth Transit built



1974  
Direct-injection diesel engine debuts



1976  
"Fast front" Transit goes on sale



1978  
New model launched with oval grille. 3 millionth Transit built



1984  
Seventeen-seater minibus makes debut



1985  
Transit gets electronic brakeforce distribution and traction assist



1986  
Ford Transit is "International Van of the Year 2001"



1991  
ABS now standard on Transit. Transit Connect is "International Van of the Year 2003"



1994  
5 millionth Transit built in its 40th anniversary year



1995  
Transit launched with AWD. ESP standard on most models. Transit is "International Van of the Year 2007"



1996  
Introduction of Ford Transit ECONetic



1997  
Transit MY2012 launched with new 2.2-litre Duratorq TDCi engine and technologies including Auto-Start-Stop



1998  
Ford revealed plans for expanded Transit range with all-new four model line-up



1999  
All-new Transit Connect went on sale, and is voted "International Van of the Year 2014"



2000  
All-new Transit Courier is launched, Ford's first-ever compact Transit

2001  
Transit celebrates 50th Anniversary on Aug. 9



2002  
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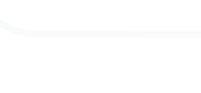
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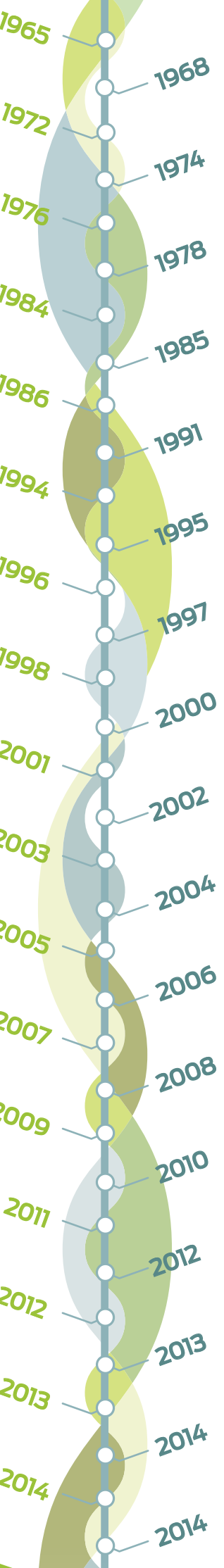
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1968  
Transit diesel engine production begins at Dagenham



1974  
New version launched with streamlined front end. Auto gearbox launched



1978  
2 millionth Transit built



1985  
Major redesign of underbody structure. Turbo-diesel launched



1991  
Ford Transit reaches its 30th anniversary



1995  
Ford Transit production gets started in both Hai Dong plant, Vietnam and Nanchang plant in China



1997  
New Transit launched with FWD and RWD. 4 millionth Transit built in its 35th year



2000  
Smaller all-new Transit Connect model launched. Transit offered with Jumbo bodystyle and Duratorq TDCi common rail diesel



2002  
Transit production moves from Genk, Belgium, to Kocaeli, Turkey



2004  
New-generation Transit launched with ESP available



2006  
3.2-litre 200 PS diesel engine goes on sale



2008  
6 millionth Transit built. Transit celebrates its 45th anniversary in August



2010  
All-new 1-tonne Transit Custom is introduced. Named "International Van of the Year 2013", and is first vehicle in segment to receive Euro NCAP 5-star rating



2012  
On June 20, Ford celebrated production of the seven-millionth Transit



2013  
Ford launched all-new two-tonne Transit for sale in six continents worldwide. More than 450 model variants available



2014  
All-new Transit starts production in Kansas City. First-ever Transit to be built and sold in U.S.



# Ford Transit 1965-2015

