1940 AMERICAN BANTAM

STANDARD COUPE

American Bantam Car Company - Butler, PA

ENGINE 4-Cylinder	HORSEPOWER 22 hp
WEIGHT1,100 lbs	WHEELBASE 75"
PRODUCTION11	FACTORY PRICE \$399.00



Donated to the **GILMORE CAR MUSEUM**by Flateau Allen - Richland, MI

"America's ONLY Economy Car"

Company Slogan

The tiny American Bantam was intended as a serious commercial venture, but was never taken as such by the American driving public. The subject of affectionate jokes, it became a favorite of cartoonists, and circus clowns, as well as film comedies starring Buster Keaton and "Our Gang." With few actual sales, Bantam desperately needed something new to attract buyers.

In 1940, American Bantam created one of the most important and widely recognized vehicles in history: the JEEP. The US Army loved the small, yet practical utility vehicle, but awarded the multi-million dollar contracts to Willys and Ford. The last American Bantams appeared in 1940 and the firm closed its doors in 1941.

