

TRANSPORTATION HISTORY TIMELINE

From Ancient Wheels to Modern Aerospace

3500 BCE

The Fixed Wheel

First used in Mesopotamia for pottery and later adapted for chariots and carts.

1783

Hot Air Balloon

The Montgolfier brothers achieve the first untethered manned flight in Paris.

1804

Steam Locomotive

Richard Trevithick debuts the first high-pressure steam engine on rails.

1885

Modern Automobile

Karl Benz patents the Benz Patent-Motorwagen, the first gas-powered car.

1903

Wright Flyer

Orville and Wilbur Wright complete the first controlled, sustained flight of a powered aircraft.

1969

Apollo 11 Lunar Module

The first successful manned mission to land on the Moon.

2003

Commercial Electric Vehicles

The founding of Tesla Motors marks the shift toward sustainable lithium-ion transport.