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1946 Mercury Woody  
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# MUSEUM-QUALITY 46 MERCURY WOODY



Legend has it that woodies are in need of restoration from the moment they are born. This 1946 Mercury appears to be an exception to the cliché. It was found and acquired in Zebulon, NC and was fully restored when Savoy Museum purchased it. In my short time with the car I could see exactly zero flaws on it anywhere. The dark metallic green pairs with the wood to be a perfect color combination. The interior looks as new as the rest of the car. It's a time capsule — even the tires are period correct wide white wall bias ply.

Being completely stock the Mercury is equipped with its original 239 cubic inch flat head V8, which was advertised to be

100 hp with 180 ft lbs of torque. This makes the car capable of a theoretical top speed of 78 mph. Fast enough for most non-highway driving and fairly fast considering it weighs 3540 lbs and is 75 years old. Nobody buys a stock classic woody for performance. It's all about style and nostalgia.

The Mercury is a member of the unofficially named Savoy Collection. The collection started with a 1956 MGA, which they still have. They have a rather eclectic collection and if you become a regular visitor of Savoy Museum you will see most of their cars as they rotate them through the many themed shows they plan to have.





Speaking of the museum... Georgia Museums, Inc. decided that the next great Georgia museum would be a car museum. Georgia Museums, Inc. (GMI) began as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2004 for the purpose of providing cultural resources to the community and region. You may be familiar with their other museums—The Tellus Science Museum, The Booth Western Art Museum, and The Bartow History Museum. These are all

beautiful, world class museums and are well worth your time. They didn't yet have a name for the newest museum when they broke ground in 2018, but that's when the name found them. As they were clearing a wooded area of the construction site they found a long abandoned 1954 Plymouth Savoy. How do you not take that as a sign? Rather than bulldoze it under they decided to preserve it and it will become part of the exterior landscaping.



So what amenities will the museum provide for the public? Four spacious exhibition galleries (rotating exclusively curated automobile-related themed exhibits), a well-stocked museum store, on-site café, state-of-the-art presentation theatre, a soaring

great hall, extensive research library, monthly programming, special events, and more! The theater will be used for presentations, programs, special events, rentals, unveilings, auctions, demonstrations, training, workshops, photo shoots, and so much more!



On average there will be 40 cars on display in the museum. It all depends on the size and scale of each exhibition. From the perspective of their rotating exhibition schedule, they anticipate upwards of 120-130 automobiles on display throughout the year.

The planned opening date will be December 8th so mark your calendar! I've toured the museum as it was being built and it truly is world class.

