

# THE EVOLUTION OF THE BATMOBILE

**1941**

COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: 1936 CORD

The first car that was called the "Batmobile" didn't look like the bat-finned cars we know today. Rather it was a red convertible that appeared in Detective Comics 48.



**THE FIRST BATMOBILE**

**1944**

COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: STUDEBAKER



**1950**

COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: 1950S CADILLAC



**1955**

GOTHAM CITY'S  
STRANGEST  
RACE



**1958**

COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: CHRYSLER 300



**1964**

COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: 1950S PORCHE 356

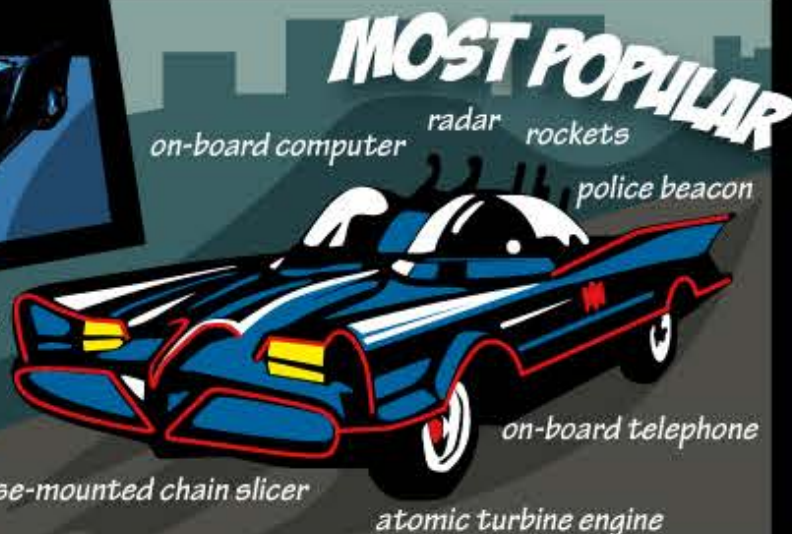


**1966**

BATMAN TV SERIES  
BASE CAR: 1955 LINCOLN FUTURA

Custom car builder George Barris had only three weeks to build this iconic car for the show.

lasers



**MOST POPULAR**

on-board computer

radar

rockets

police beacon

on-board telephone

atomic turbine engine

**1966**

BATMAN  
COLORING BOOK



**1967**

COMIC BOOKS





**1966** COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: JAGUAR XKE

**1968**

DETECTIVE COMICS  
HUNT FOR A ROBIN KILLER!



**1968** COMIC BOOKS



**1969**

THE BATMAN/SUPERMAN  
ADVENTURE HOUR  
CARTOON SERIES



**1969**

COMIC BOOKS



**1970**

THIS MURDER HAS BEEN...  
PRE-RECORDED!



**1970**

COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: CHEVROLET CORVETTE



**1971**

DETECTIVE COMICS  
FREAK-OUT  
AT PHANTOM HOLLOW



**1972**

BATMAN HOW MANY  
WAYS CAN A ROBIN DIE?  
BASE CAR:  
CHEVROLET CORVETTE



**1973**

...AND A DEADLY  
NEW YEAR!  
BASE CAR:  
1972 MUSTANG



**1973**

COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: PORSCHE 904



**HANNA-BARBERA**

**1973**

SUPERFRIENDS  
CARTOON SERIES



In 1973,  
when Batman  
returned to TV,  
he was driving a car  
based on the Futura Batmobile.  
The design inspired future comics.

**1974**

BATMAN KING OF  
THE GOTHAM JUNGLE!



**1974** COMIC BOOKS





1974 BASE CAR: JAGUAR XKE

**1975**

COMIC BOOKS



**1975**

BATMAN  
POWER RECORDS



**1975**

BATMAN  
POWER RECORDS



**1976**

BATMAN FAMILY  
THE COPYCATGIRL CAPERS!



**1977**

BATMAN  
PLACEMAT



Since street car styles were becoming more modern, the Batmobile was redesigned, too.

**REDESIGNED**



**1977**

COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: LIGIER J62



**1980**

BATMAN #330  
COVER ART



**1978**

CHALLENGE OF THE SUPERFRIENDS  
CARTOON SERIES/ COMIC BOOKS  
DESIGNED BY: HANNA-BARBERA

**1987**

COMIC BOOKS BASE CAR: DETONASSO PANTERA



**1985**

COMIC BOOKS



**1987**

COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: CHEVROLET CORVETTE



**1988**

BATMAN





**1988** COMIC BOOKS



**1989** COMIC BOOKS



**1989** COMIC BOOKS



**1989** BATMAN & BATMAN RETURNS

In 1989, Batman came back to the big screen — the first time in 23 years. Warner Brothers hired Tim Burton and Anton Furst, the production designer for Gotham City and the Batmobile. This car was created from two Impala chassis and had a Chevy V8.



**TIM BURTON'S**

**1991** JUDGMENT ON GOTHAM



**1991** BATMAN VS PREDATOR

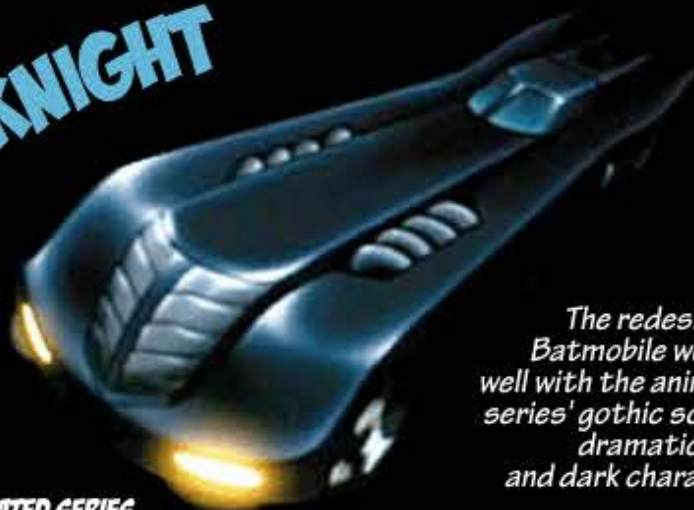


**1990** COMIC BOOKS



**DARK KNIGHT**

**1992** BATMAN THE ANIMATED SERIES



The redesigned Batmobile worked well with the animated series' gothic scenery, dramatic plots and dark characters.

**1992** BATMAN WARPAINT



**1992** COMIC BOOKS







**1992**

LEGENDS OF THE DARK  
KNIGHT: LEGENDS  
OF THE DARK MITE



**1993**  
COMIC BOOKS

**1993**

COMIC BOOKS



**1993**

COMIC BOOKS



**1994**

COMIC BOOKS



**1994**

COMIC BOOKS



**1995**

BATMAN FOREVER



**DESTROYED**

**1995**

DISORDERED MINDS



**1995**

COMIC BOOKS



**1996**

COMIC BOOKS

**1996**

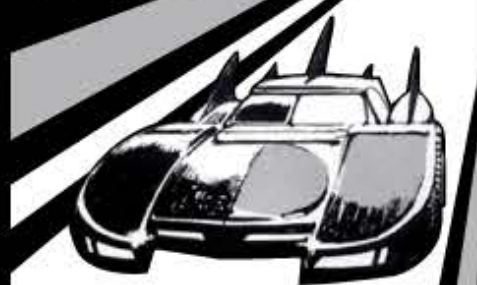
COMIC BOOKS

**1996**

COMIC BOOKS

The third Warner Brothers Batman movie was very different from the first two. One major change was the new Batmobile, designed by Barbara Ling. Although it had many defensive gadgets, it was destroyed by the Riddler in the movie.





*Batman: Black and White* was a series of stories created in 1996. The idea was to collect the best writers and artists available to produce a collection of short stories drawn entirely in black & white.

**1997** COMIC BOOKS



**1997** JLA/WILD C.A.T.S.

**1998**

THE NEW ADVENTURES OF BATMAN & ROBIN

Designed by Bruce Timm, this Batmobile matched the simpler styles of *The New Adventures of Batman & Robin*.

**BARBARA LING**

**1997**

BATMAN & ROBIN



*Batman & Robin* was the fourth and final installment in the arc that started in 1989 with *Batman*. The inspiration from the car came from older racing roadsters like the Jaguar D Type and Delahaye 165.



**1998**  
COMIC BOOKS

**2000**  
COMIC BOOKS



**2000**  
COMIC BOOKS



**2000**

BATMAN:  
CHILD OF DREAMS

**2001**

COMIC BOOKS





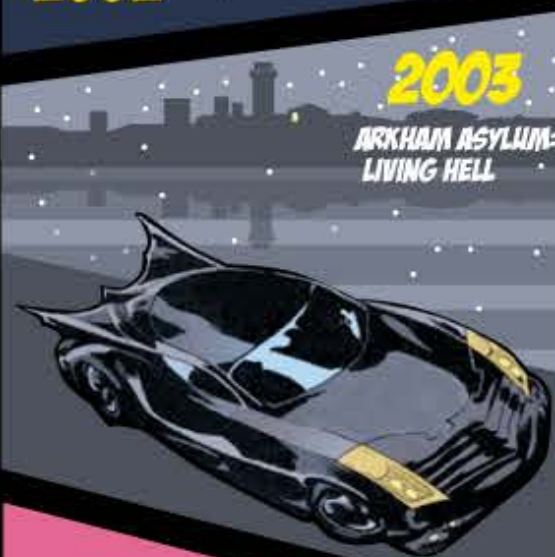
**2002** COMIC BOOKS



**2003** COMIC BOOKS



**2003**  
BATMAN:  
HONG KONG



**2003**  
ARKHAM ASYLUM:  
LIVING HELL



**2003** BATMAN:  
TENSES



**2004** COMIC BOOKS



**2004** COMIC BOOKS



COMIC BOOKS **2004**  
BASE CAR: MERCEDES-BENZ CLK-GTR



**2004** COMIC BOOKS  
BASE CAR: TVR SPEED 12

**2004** THE BATMAN



**2005**

DETECTIVE COMICS ALONE AT NIGHT  
BASE CAR: DODGE VIPER



**2005**

BATMAN/DANGER GIRL





**2005**

GOTHAM KNIGHTS THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY



**2005**

BATMAN BEGINS: THE DARK KNIGHT



**TUMBLER**

Designed by Christopher Nolan and Nathan Crowley, this Batmobile was intended to look as real as possible. It was 9-feet wide and 15-feet long, but it could still reach 0-60

mph in less than 6 seconds. It had a 500-HP Chevy 350 V8 and four 44" Super Swamper tires on Titanium axles. Normally

the driver sits on the left, but in attack mode, the driver is moved to the center and is positioned to be

face-down between the two wheels. This position offers greater protection to the driver, it also reduces any chance of injury.

**2005**

SUPERMAN/BATMAN VENGEANCE



**2005**

WAR CRIMES  
BASE CAR: OPEL SPEEDSTER

**2005**

THE BATMAN



**2005**

JUSTICE



**2006**

BATMAN:  
UNDER THE HOOD

**2006**

LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT  
GOTHAM EMERGENCY

**2006**

GET CAUGHT READING POSTER







**2006**

LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT  
DARKER THAN DEATH



**2006**

COMIC BOOKS



**2006**

BATMAN: MAN-BAT  
BASE CAR: FORD GT90



**2007** BATMAN & THE MAD MONK



**2007**

BATMAN CONFIDENTIAL  
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT



**2008**

BATMOBILE  
OWNER'S MANUAL



**2008**

DETECTIVE COMICS THE WONDERLAND GANG!



**2008**

THE RESURRECTION  
OF RA'S AL GHUL



**2008**

BATMAN CONFIDENTIAL WRATH CHILD



**2008**

COMIC BOOKS



**2008**

BATMAN & THE OUTSIDERS  
BASE CAR: LAMBORGHINI REVENTON



**2008**

BATMAN: MURDER AT WAYNE MANOR





**2008**

**BATMAN: GOTHAM KNIGHT**



**2008**

**BATMAN CONFIDENTIAL  
THE CAT AND THE BAT**



**2008**

**BATMAN: THE BRAVE  
AND THE BOLD**



**2009**

**BATMAN REBORN: THE DOMINO EFFECT**



**2009**

**BATMAN: BATTLE FOR THE COWL  
BASE CAR: MAZDA Furai**



**2009**

**BATMAN: ARKHAM ASYLUM**



Designed by Rocksteady Studios  
Batman: Arkham Asylum was released August 25, 2009 for the PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, and PC. Written by Paul Dini, it features several veteran Batman actors reprising their voice roles. Like many other designs from the past two decades, it draws inspiration from the 1989 Batmobile including the louvered rear panel, cowled exhaust port, rear inlets, and side details.

**2009**

**BLACKEST NIGHT:  
BATMAN**



**2009**

**THE WIDENING GYRE**



**2010**



**2010**  
NEMESIS: THE IMPOSTORS



**2010**  
BATMAN: ODYSSEY  
BASE CAR: C3 CORVETTE



**2010**  
BATMAN: THE RETURN



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