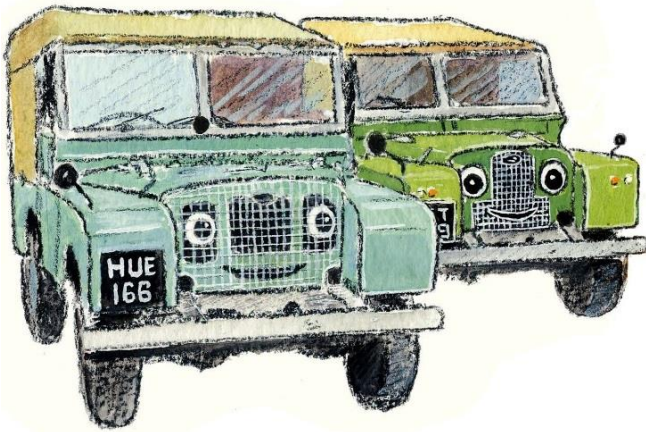


Learning with **Landy** A Short History Series Land Rovers



Landy's friend Huey, HUE 166, was the first Land Rover ever made at the Rover Company factory in Solihull, near Birmingham, in 1948.

Landy, who features in the story books, was made in 1956.

A man called Maurice Wilks designed the first Land Rover.

He took inspiration from the hardy American Jeep, that was used in World War II, for driving over very rough ground.

These first Land Rovers are called **Series I**. The early ones were painted light green, as the Land Rover factory used up paint that was left over from painting the cockpits of military aeroplanes.

Series I Land Rovers are 4-wheel drive (4WD) off-road vehicles and they soon became popular with farmers. The farmers could drive them over their fields and use them like tractors.

Between 1958 - 1970, the different types of **Series II** Land Rovers were made with larger engines. They had some new bodywork features but still looked very much like a Series I.

In 1971 - 1985 the **Series III** were made. Among other changes, the headlights are on the front wings and it has a different grille.

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More About Series Land Rovers

To find out more about the differences in the Series Land Rover and see pictures of them, take a look at:

<http://www.johnlkong.com/how-to-identify-series-land-rovers/>

Series models have aluminium alloy bodywork and feature leaf-sprung suspension. Leaf-springs act as a linkage for holding the axle in position. They make the construction of the suspension simple and strong.

A 4WD is a vehicle in which all four wheels receive power from the engine. A 4WD vehicle helps the driver to maintain traction and control of the vehicle in slippery or off-road conditions.

All of them can be started with a front hand crank and have a rear power take off or PTO, that can be used for powering farm machinery like mowers, saws, pumps and ploughs.

People have used Series Land Rovers all over the world, for many different types of work.

They have been adapted to be used as fire engines, ambulances, police vehicles, military vehicles, buses, electricity and water board vehicles, wild life conservation, exploration, for the Red Cross etc.

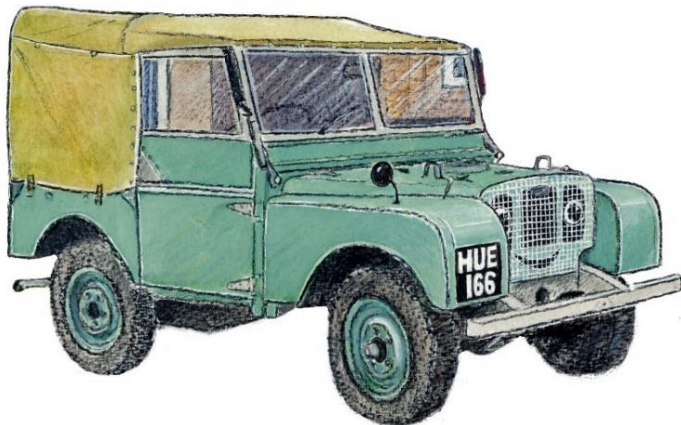
Some of these old Land Rovers are still being used throughout the world today.



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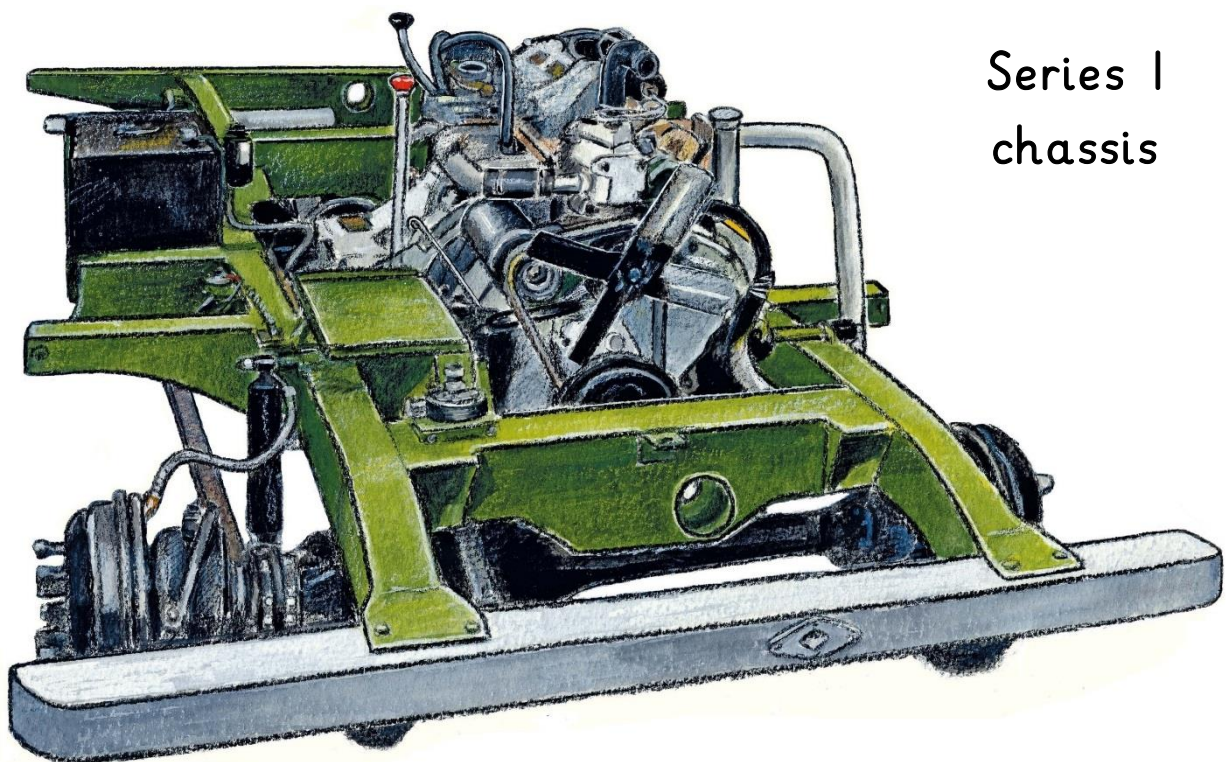
From Series to Defender



After 1985, the Land Rover factory stopped making the Series III Land Rover and they developed the Defender Land Rover. You can see lots of Defenders being driven on the roads.

Further information about old Land Rovers can be found on Wikipedia:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Land_Rover_Series



Series I
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