

FROM THE EVOLUTION OF THE AUTOMOBILE

.... The history of the automobile engine is a history of change , changes in technology accompanied by changes in attitude .

In 1801 , Englishman Richard Trevithick designed the first steam powered carriage for transporting passengers , but England was not ready for speed . The Red Flag Law , passed by Parliament in 1865 , slowed down the production of the steam powered vehicle by limiting its speed to three miles per hour . The law required a man to walk in front of the vehicle and hold a red flag by day and a red lantern by night to warn others of its arrival (Roland 367) .

By the mid 19 th century , however

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