

## Meet Ron Grace

Design and Development

Ron Grace heads the design and development department at Superior Car Parts. A mechanic since 17, Grace brings 21 years of handcrafting antique car parts to Superior.

"The best thing about my job is taking a piece of raw steel and turning it into a beautiful Top Iron. I know it's going to go on someone's car, and it's going to look beautiful. That's what gets me going," Grace said recently.

Grace uses the specific skills of an engineer, mechanic, machinist, welder, and quality control to handcraft beautiful car parts for open-body styles of early Fords from 1928-39. He has engineered two-inch chop versions for each top as well. Superior Car Parts also builds duplicates of original fender braces for early model Fords.



## Our Story

Superior Car Parts was formed by designer and developer Ron Grace and several Midwestern car guys when Girtz Industries recently spun off its car parts division, Antique Car Parts by Girtz. For more than four decades, the small Indiana manufacturer had built Top Irons that were used by most of the American hot rod body manufacturers, restoration shops, and the biggest-name hot rod builders.

Trained by original owner Elmer Girtz, Grace has been hand-making beautiful polished stainless Top Irons for more than 20 years. Grace and his new team acquired the machinery and original patterns from Girtz, including patterns for all open-body styles of early Fords from 1928-39. Grace has engineered two-inch chop versions for each top as well. Superior Car Parts also builds duplicates of original fender braces for early model Fords. Products are American-made.



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## Superior Car Parts Company

*Specializing in Handcrafted  
Stainless Steel Top Irons  
Lasting for Generations*



# Top Irons



The 32 Phaeton finished at Roy Brizio's California shop shown here at the 2009 Grand National Roadster Show in Pomona, California. "We've been using Top Irons from these guys for years," said owner Roy Brizio of Roy Brizio Street Rods, Inc., San Francisco, CA. Others familiar with Superior Car Parts are LeBaron Bonney, Snyder's Antique Auto, Brookville Body of Steel, Mac's Antique Auto, Westcott's Auto Restyling, Pete and Jake's, and Bratton's Antique Auto.



Superior Car Parts produced the Top Irons used by Sid Chavers to construct the top on the Roy Brizio 32 Phaeton.

## The cutting edge

Superior Car Parts became a vertically-integrated company in its first year of operation, purchasing a plasma cutter to cut its stainless steel parts. The first car part produced was a lower stanchion post for a 1931 Ford Model A Roadster. Superior Car Parts owns two original Model A 5-window coupes (1929 and 1931) and tests its parts against the original models.

