



## *How Have Taxis Changed Over Time?*

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Taxis have really evolved over time. It's gone from hooves to wheels, eyes to headlights, brown to yellow and black and tail to trunk. These are only the big changes there has also been changes that aren't as big like how the color of a taxi got changed. I've had my own experience with checking out a new part of a taxi too and I'm sure you have too. About three years ago taxi companies started installing TV's in taxis; I thought it was so cool. Wow this is so advanced, what are we in the 50<sup>th</sup> century or something crazy like that. I started fiddling with channels and playing around with the city map. I also checked the ESPN channel and other channels too. It was so awesome I couldn't wait until next new part of a taxi to be installed, would it be for comfort?, entertainment?, enviornment? What's next?



See how taxis have evolved over time it's so cool how gone from horse carriages to green and red and then finally the yellow and black taxis we use today.

This is the newest type of taxi; it won the taxi of tomorrow contest. The taxi of tomorrow contest is a contest to make the taxi that people in New York City will ride for the next ten years. This taxi has a lot of features like air bags, exterior alert lights to inform drivers that the doors are going to open, sliding doors, flat middle seat, non-stick seats, flat floor, independent passenger climate and it runs electricity.



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In the 1980's there were 3,200 driver robberies each year. It got so bad police officers had to pretend to be random drivers to catch criminals. After that they installed bullet proof partitions in every taxi.

This is Harry N. Allen he started the New York Taxi Company in 1907 after being charged \$5.00, (Which is \$113.66 now) for only 0.75 of a mile! The reason he started the company is he was tired of being charged so much.

*Harry N. Allen*





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In 1971 car and taxi companies started to install air bags, people wanted to put air bags in cars and taxis to prevent injuries.