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Tucker: The Man and His Dream

Release Date: Thursday, January 1, 1998

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Starring: [Jeff Bridges](#) [2],

[Joan Allen](#) [3],

[Martin Landau](#) [4],

[Frederic Forrest](#) [5],

[Dean Stockwell](#) [6]

Studio(s): [Paramount](#) [7]

Director(s): [Francis Ford Coppola](#) [8]

Genre: [Drama](#) [9]

Running Time: 1 Hour, 51 Minutes

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History tells us that would-be automobile mogul Preston Tucker was a silver-tongued con man, who misappropriated his investors' money and played fast and loose with ethics and legalities in the pursuit of his dream. Filmmaker [Francis Ford Coppola](#) [10] isn't buying this: to hear Coppola tell it, Tucker was "Mr. Smith Goes to Detroit," a sincere visionary who tried and failed to buck the Big Three auto manufacturers. Moreover, he was a staunch defender of family values, as witness his inseparable relationship with his loyal wife ([Joan Allen](#) [11]) and adoring children. It was for his family's sake, rather than any dreams of financial gain, that Tucker created the oddball three-headlight vehicle which he envisioned as the "car of the future". Naturally, the corporate fat cats of 1947 can't abide competition from a rugged individualist; thus, with several politicians in their pockets,



they crush the Tucker and the man who built it. We'd have been more inclined to believe the story had Coppola adopted a straightforward Capraesque approach and not utilized all sorts of complicated camera trickery. Somehow, by presenting Tucker in so showoffy a directorial manner, the character comes off more as a sleight-of-hand artist than a bastion of sincerity. Even so, [Jeff Bridges](#) [12] does a nice job as Tucker, as does [Martin Landau](#) [13] as Tucker's incongruous business partner. Jeff's dad, [Lloyd Bridges](#) [14], appears in an uncredited role as a "bought" senator.

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