

## AUCTIONEER'S NOTE

The auction that opens on January 12, 2023 includes 30 MV-1 Wheelchair Accessible Vans. Broward County Board of County Commissioners has determined these vehicles are surplus to their needs. It is expected remaining MV-1 vehicles not included in the January 2023 auction will be offered and sold later in an auction to be conducted later this year.

Wikipedia provides information describing the MV-1. Some of that information has been highlighted and is included as a matter of convenience.

- These vehicles were initially produced in America by the Vehicle Production Group and manufactured in an AM General Plant located in Mishawaka, Indiana. Later, assets of the company were acquired by AM General who created Mobility Ventures which became a wholly owned subsidiary. They produced and distributed the MV-1 through their own network of dealers.
- The MV-1 was designed as a purpose-built taxicab by Vehicle Production Group and its name is the initials for Mobility Vehicle 1. The MV-1 was designed as a replacement for standard taxicabs. It was approved by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission as the first purpose-built vehicle to be allowed to enter service as a Yellow Cab since the time of the Checker Marathon. The first vehicle was completed in October 2011.
- It was developed from the design of a standard taxicab but was more advanced and user-friendly than other vehicles. The MV-1 is said to be the first production vehicle built to accommodate the physical needs of people with disabilities. MV-1 vehicles are designed to carry up to six adults with two full-size wheelchairs. Wheelchairs can be loaded through an ADA-approved ramp with a capacity of 1,200 pounds. The ramp is controlled by switches that are mounted in the right rear passenger door of the vehicle. The wheelchair ramp extends out from the vehicle and is stored under the floor of the MV-1. The rear cargo doors are 36 inches wide and 56 inches high which allows them to accommodate bulky wheelchairs.
- The MV-1 is based upon a Roush designed chassis and Ford Power train. It features a body on frame construction with fully boxed rails.
- According to information published on various websites, the last MV-1 was produced in 2017. The website for AM General indicates this vehicle is no longer in production.
- A review of several websites indicates MV-1 remain available and are being sold by used car dealers. Because of their initial design, the MV-1 continues to be good transportation for the disabled.

As you review the inventory included in this auction, please note some of the MV-1 vehicles are sustained damage. Many can be started and driven, however, some will need to be towed.

Every effort was made to provide photographs depicting the condition of each of the vehicles. Because of a shortage of storage space, it was not possible to move them. Once the auction has been concluded, assistance will be available to move the vehicles from their present locations. If there are questions or specific information is needed, please contact George Richards at (954) 658-5033 at your convenience.