

WOLSELEY-SIDDELEY PHAETON 1909—RESTORED CARS



1909 Wolseley-Siddeley Phaeton

Lyndon & Margaret Benham wanted a pre 1910 Veteran to restore so they chose this Wolseley Siddeley. It was shipped out of England on August 30 1909 to the Kellow Motor Co. in Melbourne where a body was fitted and then sold to Mr. Bourke of Gillargambone N.S.W.

It was traded in 1923 to Ginties Garage then resold to O'Brian Bros. The car was rescued from the O'Brian property in 1957 by John Andrew a VCCA N.S.W. member who owned it until 1974. The Benhams bought the car in 1975 and then began the restoration which took 6 years.

The restoration as readers can see is of excellent quality and the big car has won more than its share of trophies from concours since 1982.

Woodwork was done by Peter Lamb, Motor by Ray Hiscock, Body Panels Vic Marsh.

Like all veterans some parts had to be completely built up. The road wheels by Dudley Duffield of Nambour and pistons had to be cast.

SPECIFICATIONS

Make, model & year of manufacture Wolseley-Siddeley Tourer 1909 Price when new (or approx) £450. Options Dual Ignition J.M. Spring Dampeners. Engine Type Petrol. Bore & Stroke 91 x 102. Displacement 2654. Max. B.H.P. @ R.P.M. 20. Induction System Updraft. Exhaust System Original. Electrical System Bosch Mag. Engine No. 2737. Clutch Type Leather Cone Clutch. Transmission Type 3 speed. Overdrive No. Synchronos No. Differential Type Crown wheel & pinion. Drive Axles Rear. Steering Type Worm & Sector. Turns Lock to Lock One & half. Turning Circle Large. Brakes Mechanical Brakes at rear, also a transmission brake. Chassis Frame Wooden. Body Construction Metal Panels. Body Style Phaeton. Chassis No. 2063. Suspension Type Front Semi Elliptic Springs. Shockers None. Rear Semi Elliptic Springs. Shockers Jones Dampers. Wheels Type Timber Spoked. Tyres size Beaded edge 815 x 105. Weights & Measures - Wheelbase 8'9". Overall Length 12'6". Overall Height 7'4". Overall Width 5'6". Front Track 4'1/2". Rear Track 4'1/2". Ground Clearance 10". Curb Weight 20 cwt. Capacities Crankcase 1/2 Gallon. Cooling System Water 5 Gallons. Fuel Tank 8 Gallons. Fuel Consumption Best 20mpg. Average 18mpg. Estimated Top Speed 45mph. Paint Type - Lacquer Yes. Paint Color Body - New British Racing Green. Fenders Same. Striping Apple Green. Upholstery Type Leather. Color Saddle Brown. Design Diamond Button. Carpets Color Saddle Brown. Other Type Pyramid Aluminium in front & running boards. Paint Shop Peter Lamb Wyong. Upholsterer Jack Lett, Carlingford NSW. Top Material Laminated Convertible Color Roof Topping - Black. Wheels Color New British Racing Green. Brightware Brass Head Side & Tail Lamps, Windscreen, Horn, Radiator & all Brass Fittings. Gauges Type Speedo Jones. Oil Pressure Drip Feeders Fuel, Amps, Vacuum None. Others Clock Wittimberg Germany.



