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AUTOPED 1919 155CC 2611



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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Autoped ca 1919 1 ½ HP ca. 155 cc four stroke with automatic inlet valve

One of the very first attempts to build a viable motor scooter, the Autoped was manufactured by Autoped Corporation of Long Island, New York and presumably intended as a means of countering congestion in that overcrowded metropolis.

It first appeared at the New York Auto Show in January 1914 but did not enter production until 1916, having undergone a partial redesign. Powered by a 1½hp four-stroke engine driving the front wheel via a multi-plate clutch, the Autoped weighed around 110lbs and cost \$110, with a toolbox, lights, and horn available as extra cost options.

The handlebar stem could be folded down, attaching to the rear mudguard and thus acting as a carrying(!) handle.

Production had effectively ended by 1920, although the design was revived - in improved form - by Krupp in Germany in 1921.

Looking remarkably modern in conception, this ultra-rare early scooter is an example of the Autoped in its original no-saddle form, predating the German Krupp version.

This is a challenging restoration project.



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