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**NERACAR 1921 MODEL A 221CC 1 CYL TS 2710**



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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

#### **Ner-a-Car 1921 "Model A" 221 cc two stroke frame # 1266 engine# 584**

During WW1 American Carl Neracher designed a motorcycle that should be clean, easy to operate, stable, comfortable and reliable.

He came up with an unusual machine that was constructed more like a car than like a motorcycle; it had no frame but a chassis made of beams, 221 cc two stroke engine, friction drive and hub-centre steering.

This rather unique means of transport was aptly named the Ner-a-Car.

Neracher had some trouble to find investors and manufacturers for his machine.

In 1919 he signed an agreement with the British Sheffield Simplex firm to produce the Ner-a-Car for England and its Colonies, excepting Canada. Production started in 1921.

The engine has bore and stroke dimensions of 62 x 70 mm .

Having found financial support in the USA as well, the Ner-a-Car Corporation started production in Syracuse, N.Y. in 1922. In November 1922 Cannonball Baker rode a Ner-a-Car from New York to Los Angeles, a distance of 5420 kilometres.

He averaged 30 Km/h and used 2.7 litres of petrol per 100 kilometres. In less than 8 days he spent 179 hours in the saddle...

In 1923 the model B with larger front mudguard and 285 cc engine was brought out in England.

A year later the model C came out, powered by a 350 cc Blackburne engine and fitted with a conventional clutch and gearbox.

In 1924 the American Ner-a-Car saw its engine capacity increase to 255 cc.

These engines usually carry a "B" prefix. In 1927 the curtain fell for the British Ner-a-Car, a year later the last machine left the Syracuse factory.

It takes some detail knowledge to distinguish USA models from GB models; an easy "at first sight" item seems that American models had the front coil springs under an angle, while the British were mounted vertically.

The machine on offer here is a British model, a fine authentic and unrestored specimen that comes complete with electric lighting.

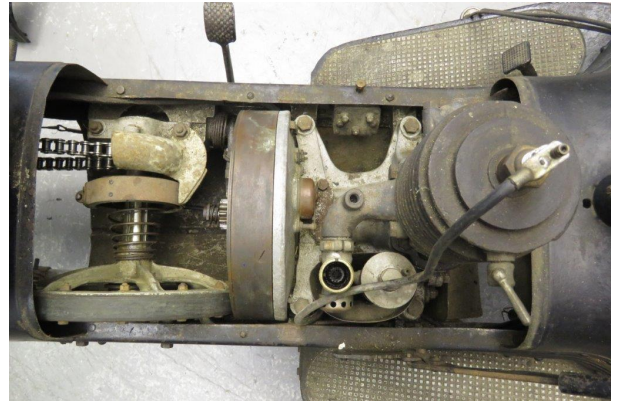
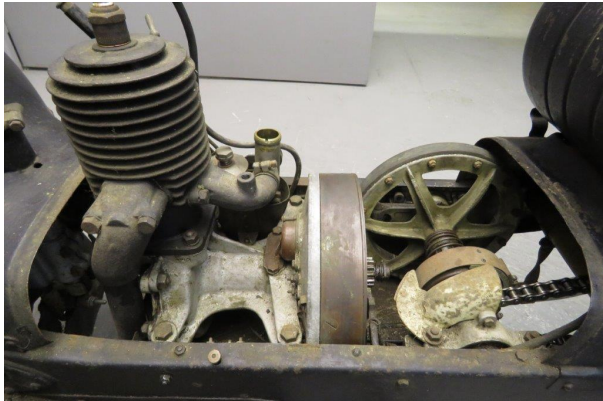
The rear light has been cleverly designed: it works on electricity as well as on acetylene.

The flywheel magneto produces a healthy spark and the engine shows good compression.

More Ner-a-car information can be found on Ken Philp's website [www.neracar.co.uk](http://www.neracar.co.uk)



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