

Lady Owned Tinsplate Car at Charterhouse Auction

A child's tinsplate toy, which dates back to the 1920's, is one of the star lots of automobilia in the Charterhouse sale of classic cars next February.

“It is a wonderful Compagnie Industrielle du Jouet (CIJ) Alfa Romeo P2 clockwork tinsplate racing car which the lady owner was given as a present some 70 years ago when she was a child. Although toy cars do not have registration documents like cars do, you could say it has been lady owned for most of its life!” Commented Matthew Whitney. “Despite having owned this toy car for so long, she has decided to enter it into our next auction of classic car and motorcycles in February at The Royal Bath & West Showground at Shepton Mallet. Hopefully, the next owner will have 70 years of pleasure from it!”



Almost one lady owner from new, the Alfa Romeo P2 clockwork racing car £1,200-1,800

This rare clockwork model car from the 1920's had lived in pride of place on her bookcase. She had always attached value to it, but was pleasantly surprised to hear that it could make as much as £2,000 when it goes under the Charterhouse hammer as she had previously been offered £50 for it by a dealer.

Having been loved and enjoyed by its current lady owner of 70 years, this tinplate clockwork model car has survived in lovely original condition. The original Rosso Red paintwork has mellowed but it has still managed to retain the correct cloverleaf decals and racing numbers. Models as original as this rarely come on to the market, and as such are highly prized by collectors.

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