



1911 BENZ 8/18

Some Interesting Facts...

- 1 The Benz 2-litre Sports Torpedo 8/18 runabout was produced at the Benz Manheim factory in Germany between 1911 and 1912. In the German naming convention 8/18, the “8” defines the car’s tax horsepower and the 18 defines the car’s actual power output in metric horsepower PS (98.6% of an imperial mechanical horsepower hp).
- 2 This particular car is extremely rare and may be the only one in existence. It was imported into Ireland by the late Phil Monaghan of Monarch Properties in 1988 and later sold by him at auction in London in 1993.
- 3 It was purchased by Johnny Pridmore of Nottingham who carried out extensive and sympathetic restoration. He then put it back on the market in 2001 and it was purchased by Denis Dowdall at the Goodwill Festival of Transport on behalf of Motor Distributors and it returned once again to Ireland.
- 4 The car is fitted with a 4-cylinder Monobloc side valve engine with a capacity of 1,950 cc. The brake horsepower is 18 at 1800 rpm. It has a magneto ignition. The petrol is pressurized from the tank to a container on the dashboard and by gravity to the Benz updraft carburettor.
- 5 The brakes are rear wheel only and to a band on the transmission.
- 6 The headlights are carbide gas and the side and tail lights are paraffin oil.