



## 1935 HUDSON "RACER"

### HUDSON "HOT ROD" FOR 1935

Mr Clive Gibson is the proud owner of this unique style motor car. Mr Gibson believes that it could be the first Australian Hot Rod built.

The car was completed in 1935 with a special G. H. Olding body at Camperdown, NSW, G. H. Olding still make bodies for ambulances and hearses.

The original owner was the late W. A. McIntyre and was driven by the late Frank Kleinig.

In the years 1937-38 it won the Wakefield trophy for a series of hill climbs and speed events, carried out over 12 months and judged on a points score basis. Castrol still carry that event today as the "Gold Star" trophy.

It entered in the Phillip Island road race in Victoria late 1935 and was driven by Mr Joe Buckley (a Melbourne to Sydney record holder) and crashed on a right angle bend injuring Buckley's back.

In 1936, it won the Robertson Hill Climb, a record which it still holds, although the event is now non-existent.

In 1937 the Hudson won the Broughton Pass Hill Climb which it still holds also and non-existent and also that year it entered into the South Australian Centenary road race at Victor Harbour.

In 1938, held the second fastest record of the Waterfall Hill Climb.

In 1939, the car raced at Mt Panorama, Bathurst, and the driver was Kevin Salmon.

The year 1941, it ran from Melbourne to Sydney in the record time of 8 hours, 15 minutes and following this event the car retired.

For a motor car of its ability and character you could not keep it hidden nor down, so in the year of 1948 it came out of retirement and was raced at Mount Druitt by the late "Wild" Bill McLachlan, who more recently created Australiana Village at Wilberforce, NSW.

This car has sure been a "Blood and Guts" model, but to look at it today, you would never guess the life it once led, and what has been listed is only a few of its successes over the years.

For most of its time, the car was painted a gleaming black, so some of our older readers would remember it.

For a quick change road car to a race car, the guards and lights, windscreen and spare wheel cover could be taken off within 10 minutes.

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### SPECIFICATIONS

**Make and Year** 1935 Hudson (engine and chassis), special body. **PERFORMANCE:** Quarter mile speed (1936) 15.8 secs. Straightaway top speed 115 mph. **Class** Roadster. **Weight** 24½ cwt (full equipment), 20 cwt stripped. **Steering** Gemmer. **Interior noise** Quiet. **Average gasoline consumption** 20 mpg. **RECORDS:** Broughton Pass Hill Climb. **Date** May 1937. Robertson Hill Climb. **Date** September 1935. Melbourne-Sydney 8hr 15min. **Date** 7.12.41. **ENGINE:** **Make** Hudson. **No. cyls.** 8. **Year** 1935. **Inches, Stock** 254. **Valves, Intake size** 1½". **Exhaust size** 1-3/8". **Springs** Single. **Valve train** Pushrods, L-head. **Camshaft make** Hudson. **Roller Standard.** **Pistons, Make** Lo-Ex. **Type** AL. **Rings** Standard. **Rods, Make** Hudson. **Heads, Make** Kleinig. **Intake manifold, Make** Kleinig. **Carbs** Stromberg Earo type. **Fuel system type** Mechanical. **Fuel Super grade.** **Ignition Distributor** Make Autolite. **Extractors** Yes. **Mufflers** Lukey. **Flywheel make** Hudson. **Clutch pressure plate** Wet. **Size** 10-in. **Transmission make** Hudson. **Year** 1935. **Special engine modifications** Hi comp head, re-radius on roller tappets. **CHASSIS:** **Make** Hudson. **Year** 1935. **Wheelbase** 115-ins. **Lowered, Front** Yes (1935). **Rear** Yes (1935). **Suspension, Front** Semi elliptic. **Rear** Semi elliptic. **Suspension modifications** Bound springs. **Shock Absorbers, make and type** Tele Gabriel. **Front axle Beam.** Driveshaft Open. **Differential Ratio** 4.1 : 1. **Year** 1935. **Steering gear, make** Gemmer. **Year** 1935. **Steering wheel make** Hudson. **Brakes, Front** Modified hydraulic. **Rear** Modified hydraulic. **Year** 1936. **Wheels, Make front** Hudson. **Rear** Hudson. **Tyres, front** 600 x 16. **Rear** 600 x 16. **BODY:** **Make** G. H. Olding. **Year** 1935. **Model** Sports. **Material** Steel. **Grille** Hudson. **Headlights** Hudson. **Bumpers, Front** Nil. **Rear** Nil. **Dash** Hudson. **Instruments** Hudson. **Bucket Seats make** Olding. **Paint color** Red. **Enamel or Lacquer** Lacquer. **Upholstery material** Vinyl. **Color** Red. **Rug material** Black. **Upholstery details** Bucket seats. **Trunk details** Trunk in tail of body, entry P. seat. **List of chromed trim or parts** Standard.

The car won 1st prize 30 to 40 class Newcastle Rally Historic Racing CVVTMC W. Farm 1973-1974.

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