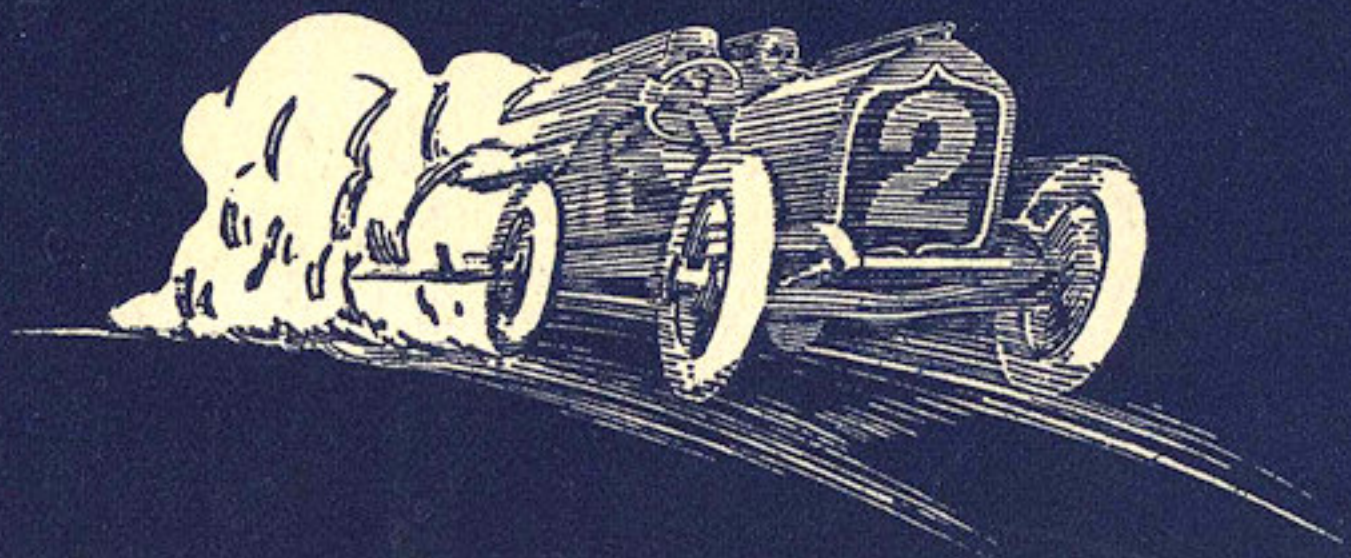
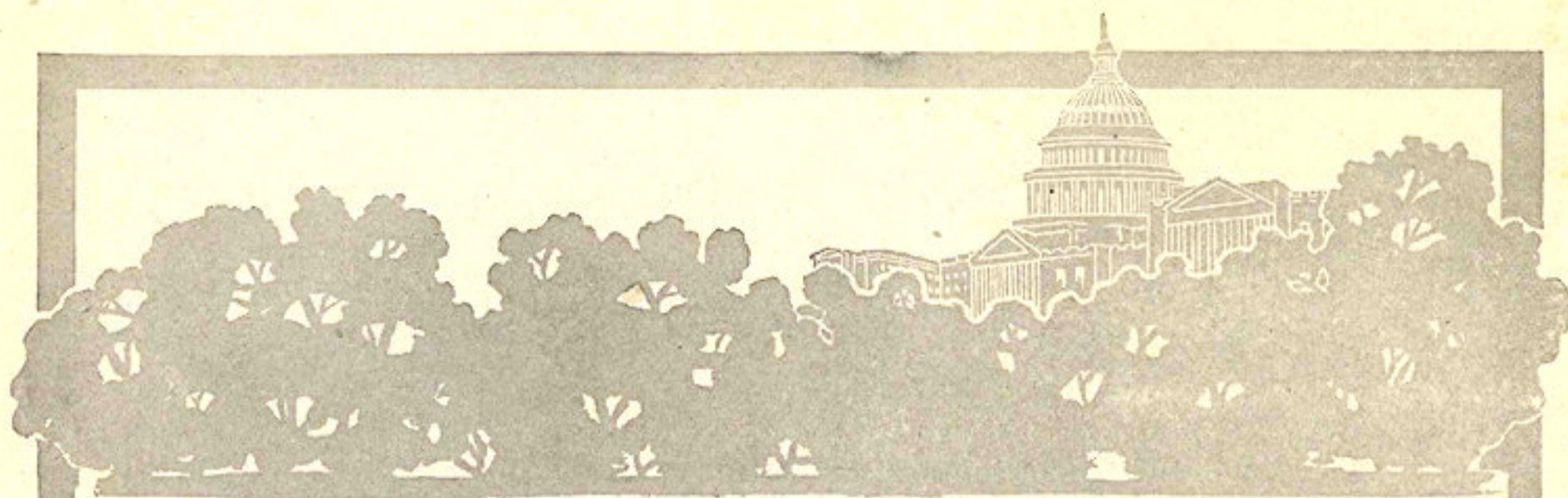


*National*  
**40**  
**Stock Champion**





# National

## 40

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*National* MOTOR CARS 648 BEACON STREET  
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# F O R E W O R D

“National 40 Wins”—After each race meet of importance, these are the words that flash across the continent.

The casual reader, from the frequency of the National 40 victories, may be led to believe that this is a car made solely for speed.

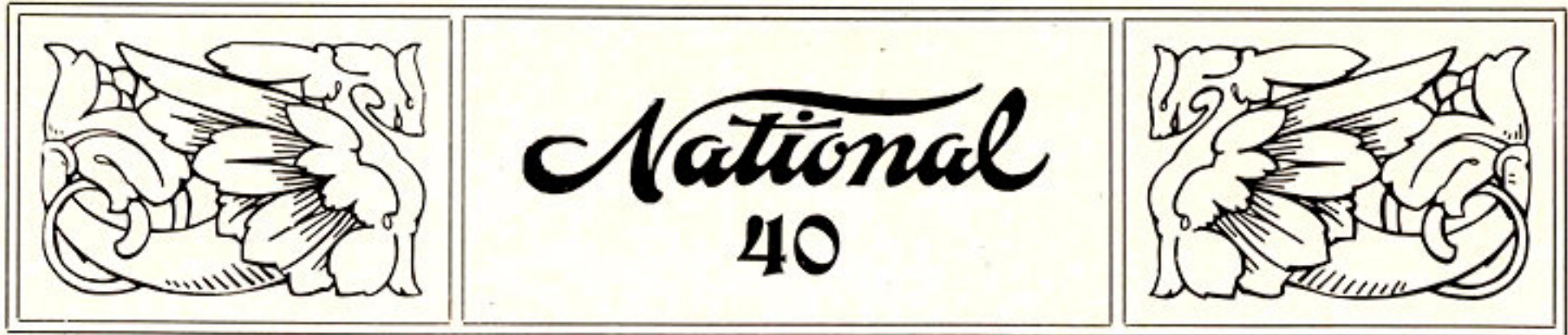
This is not true.

The National 40 is essentially a pleasure car for every-day service. It is made with this idea alone in view. Its unparalleled winnings are but demonstrations of the superior design, construction, materials, perfect balance and tire economy, all of which are absolutely essential to the perfect car in your hands.

Its unequaled number of victories in stock car races, and the fact that every National 40 is so well made that any one selected at random is good enough to win, prove it

## STOCK CHAMPION





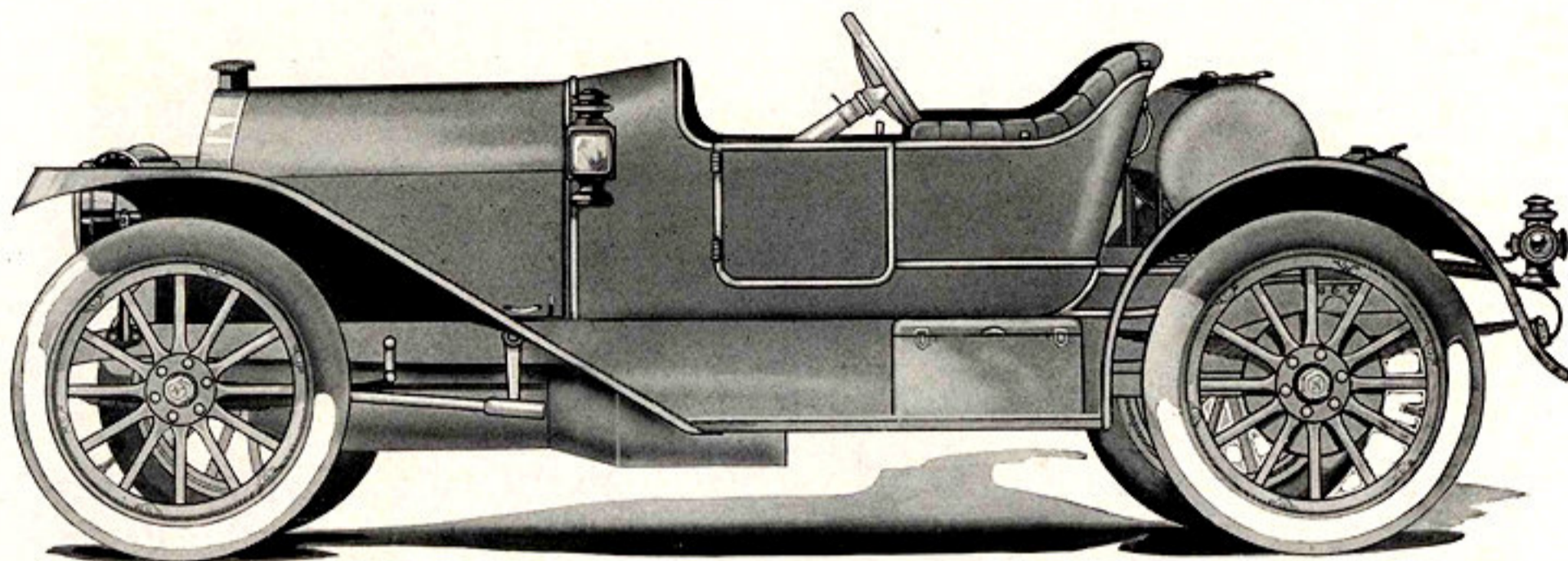
**T**HE National 40 has come to be known as being all that is desirable in the modern motor car. In any of the eight styles in which it is offered you will find every feature that adds satisfactory service, safety and endurance. The best materials are used throughout. This, coupled with the experience gained through years of automobile manufacture, enable us to offer you a car that represents every advance toward the perfect automobile. In National construction the yearly model has been superseded by series of cars embodying the very latest improvements in each series as it appears. Hence the purchaser knows that he is not obliged to wait until a new yearly model comes out to get the benefit of the latest improvements engineering science has to offer.

The experienced motorist will find every refinement in the National 40. The chassis is well balanced; the body is roomy and beautifully proportioned, with deep, luxurious upholstery and correct spring suspension. In fact nothing has been spared or slighted in producing a car that will fulfil every desire of the owner, making him independent of rough or bad road conditions.

This is the one car in the whole of the motor world in which price is not the measure of value. The National 40 finds its buyers among those who can well afford to pay any price for motor car comfort and satisfaction, yet choose the National because of its superior capability, extreme comfort, easy riding qualities and lasting service in their own hands.

# National 40

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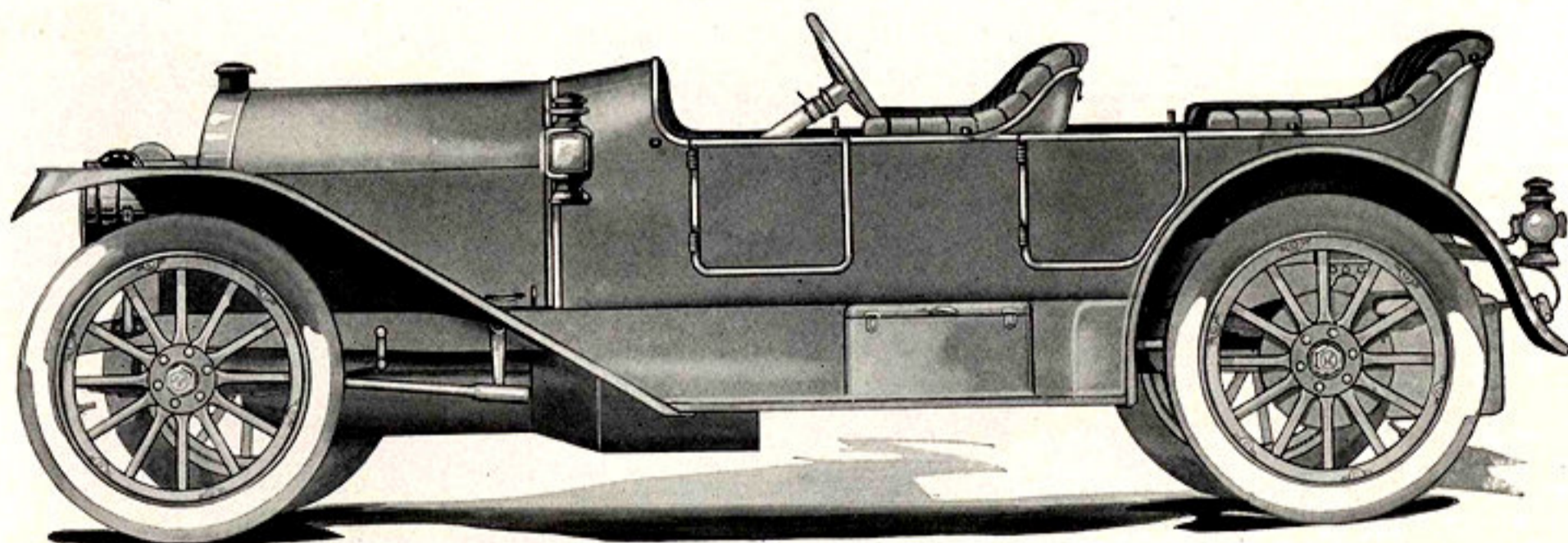


## SPEEDWAY ROADSTER

Series V

With Standard Equipment—\$2,750

With mohair top, folding glass front, Warner 100 mile speedometer, and shock absorbers on rear in addition to standard equipment—\$3,000.



## TOY TONNEAU

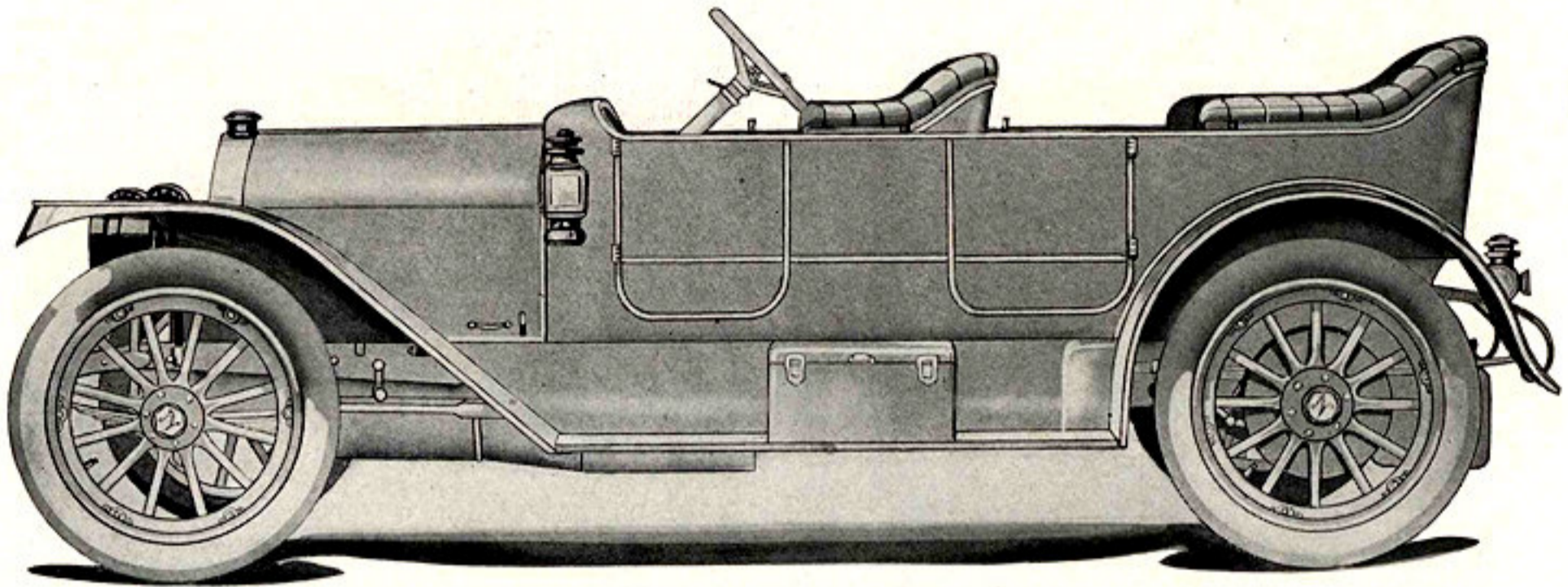
Series V

With Standard Equipment—\$2,900

With mohair top, folding glass front, Warner 100 mile speedometer, and shock absorbers on rear in addition to standard equipment—\$3,150.

# National 40

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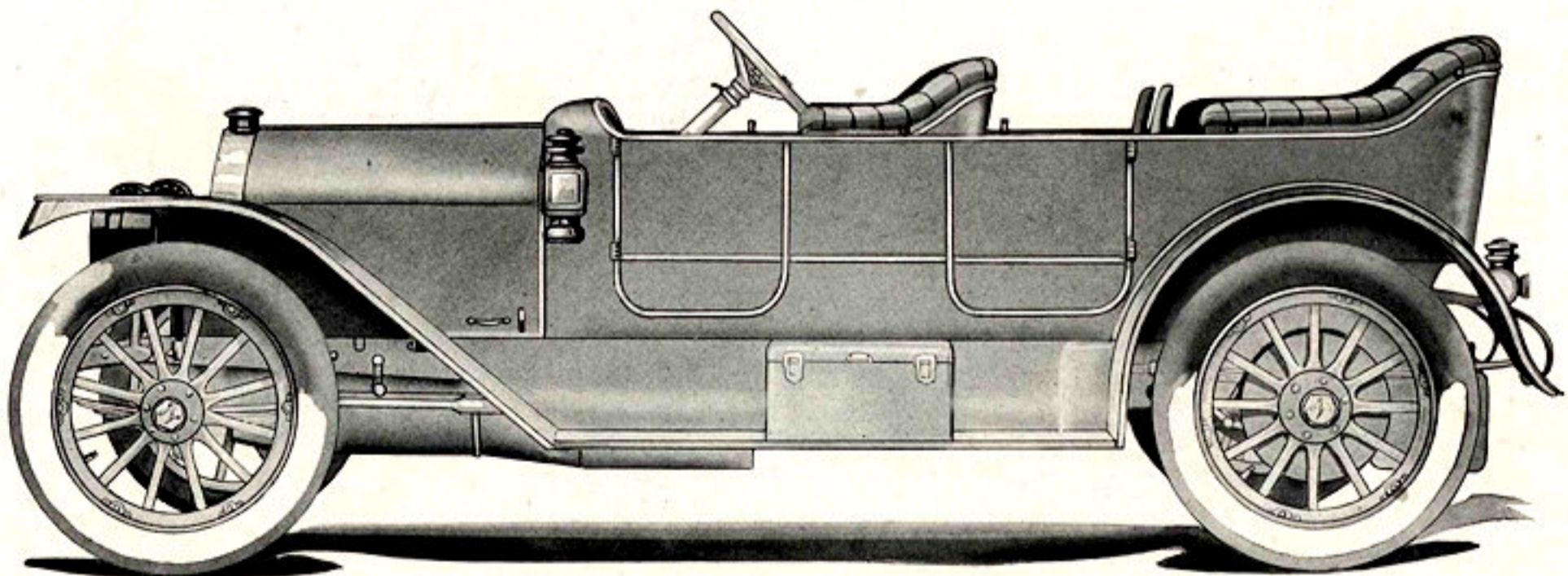


## FIVE-PASSENGER TOURING

Series V

With Standard Equipment—\$2,900

With mohair top, folding glass front, Warner 100 mile speedometer, and shock absorbers on rear in addition to standard equipment—\$3,150.



## SEVEN-PASSENGER TOURING

Series V

With Standard Equipment—\$3,000

With mohair top, folding glass front, Warner 100 mile speedometer, and shock absorbers on rear in addition to standard equipment—\$3,250.

## Series V Cars

Series V contains the National heritage of correct fundamentals enhanced by every possible subtle touch of comfort and refinement.

Continued reliability; power and speed; easy riding; absolutely noiseless; strong, straight and distinctive in lines; low bodies; roomy interior; wide doors; easy access to doors on both sides, in front and rear; smart slope to hood; and larger tires are some of the features that make Series V unequalled in motor values.

Motoring has been lifted from its last aggravating stage, that of cranking. By means of the modern self-starter, which is reliable, safe and simple to operate, the motoring fraternity finds unequalled comfort in this Series V. Women welcome this National with its self-starter, as they are no longer obliged to call for help or struggle in the street with the crank.

A close survey of the many fine points that give the National Series V its superior completeness, furnish the reasons for its predominance.

### S P E C I F I C A T I O N S

#### Series V

**MOTOR**—Four cylinders,  $4\frac{7}{8} \times 6$  inches vertical, cast in pairs and thoroughly annealed. Motor is mounted on frame. Extra large mechanically operated valves, with nickel steel heads, exhaust and admission on opposite sides and interchangeable. Spiral cut timing gears operating cam shafts. Two separate sets of spark plugs. Tapered nipples used on intake, exhaust and water pipes in place of packing. Crank shaft of vanadium steel, ground to one-thousandth of an inch, with extra long Parsons white bronze bearings. Horizontally divided aluminum crank case. Interchangeable parts. Valve stems and springs are completely enclosed, eliminating noise and affording protection.

**SELF STARTER**—Simple, reliable and easily operated.

**CLUTCH**—Self-contained aluminum cone, leather face, spring cushioned, giving gradual engagement. Clutch removable without disturbing transmission.

**TRANSMISSION**—Sliding gear selective type. Three speeds forward and one reverse. Gears made of special alloy steel, oil tempered. Annular ball bearings on main and counter shafts. Gears run in oil; their perfect fit makes them noiseless.

**WHEEL BASE**—Roadster 120 inches. Touring car and toy tonneau 128 inches.

**GAUGE**—56 inches; optional, 60 inches for southern roads.

**OILING**—Crank case, constant level force feed oiler, with gear-driven pump, oiling all working parts of motor. Capacity, four gallons. The roadster has an auxiliary oil tank on rear deck containing ten gallons, with pressure feed to crank case.

**IGNITION**—On all types except roadster one gear-driven, high-tension, double dual Bosch magneto with storage battery. Two sets of spark plugs are located in valve caps in cylinder heads.

**ROADSTER IGNITION**—A double distributor Splitdorf magneto with two sets of spark plugs and storage battery. This system fires both sets of plugs simultaneously on either battery or magneto.

**TIRES**—Speedway roadster,  $34 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ ; four-passenger toy tonneau and five-passenger touring,  $36 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ ; seven-passenger touring,  $36 \times 5$ . Diamond, Firestone, G & J, Fisk or Michelin. Firestone demountable rims regular on all models.

**WATER AND DUST PROTECTION**—Detachable metal dust pans of an improved type protect all working parts and give perfect and water-tight protection.

# National 40

**GUARDS**—Wide continuous enclosed metal guards front and rear. Metal dust shield between frame and running board. Shield over rear spring shackle.

**GASOLINE FEED**—Air pressure on all tanks generated by small pump in crank case.

**CARBURETOR**—Schebler 1¾-inch on all types but roadster. Two-inch on roadster; metal strap holds it rigid to crank case.

**GASOLINE CAPACITY**—Touring and toy tonneau, twenty-three gallons; roadster, thirty gallons.

**BRAKES**—Two systems. Two internal expanding hub brakes lined with fabric operated by foot pedal. Two brakes on outside of rear wheel drums operated by hand lever. Rear wheel drums 16 inches in diameter.

**FRAME**—Pressed steel, wide flanged, 4½-inch channel section firmly riveted and braced and curved up over rear axle. No sub-frame.

**FRONT AXLE**—I-beam steel one-piece forging. Large adjustment roller bearings in hubs and also at top of yokes.

**DRIVE**—Bevel gear through straight line shaft, with double universal joints and torsion member.

**REAR AXLE**—Full floating type, inner axle used only as driver, wheels turn upon double row of Timken bearings on hollow axle, which carries all weight. Whole system readily accessible.

**BODY**—Low; wide doors; side entrance at both sides front and rear; straight lines; sheet metal. Carrying capacity: Touring cars, five and seven passengers;

toy tonneau, four passengers, and speedway roadster, two passengers.

**FINISH**—National blue; options, National green, National maroon and National gray body and gears. All metal trimmings nickel-plated except radiator, which is black.

**UPHOLSTERY**—Unusually deep and comfortable. In either dull or bright black leather. Special spring mattress cushions. Refinement and luxurious ease accompany these exclusive upholstery perfections.

**STEERING SYSTEM**—Eighteen-inch wheel, inclined post. Worm and gear, non-reversible chuck. Ball joint connection to steering knuckle.

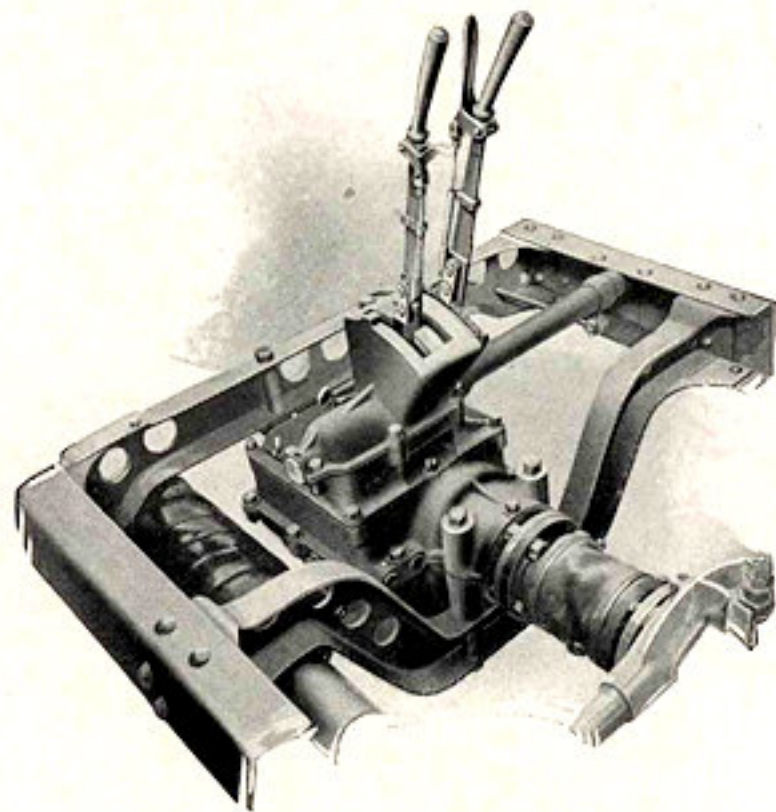
**COOLING SYSTEM**—Special straight-line radiator of most improved cellular construction; adjustable ball-bearing fan attached to engine base. Water circulated by centrifugal pump. Radiator mounted on trunnions.

**CONTROL**—Single lever at driver's right controls all speeds. Three forward and one reverse.

**SPRINGS**—Half elliptic, forty-inch front, fifty-inch rear; three-quarter scroll elliptic two and one-fourth inches wide.

**TOOL BOX**—Under front seat and metal box on running board.

**EQUIPMENT (Standard)**—Nine-inch black, nickel-trimmed Gray and Davis gas lamps, with Prest-O-Lite tank. Combination electric and oil side and tail lamps, black, nickel-trimmed. Horn, tools, jack and tire irons.



TRANSMISSION MOUNTING AND CONTROL



## Breaks World's Road Race Record Twice in One Day at Santa Monica

October 14, 1911

The National 40 is the first American-made car to wrench the World's Road Race Record from the big speed creations of Europe.

Merz driving a National 40 won the 301-450 Class C event of 151.5 miles averaging 74.42 miles per hour. Two Nationals entered this event, finishing first and fourth.

Herrick, with the same National 40 which he drove into fourth place in the race above, won the free-for-all event of 202 miles, averaging 74.63 miles per hour. Three Nationals entered this event, finishing first, fourth and fifth.

Both winners broke the World's Road Race Record, established by Nazzarro in a 120-H. P. Fiat over the Florio Course, Italy, September 6, 1908. Both winners were strictly stock National 40's with the one exception—high second speed gears used in the transmission.

THIS IS THE MOST PHENOMENAL  
PERFORMANCE IN THE HISTORY OF MOTOR  
CAR CONTESTS

This Showing Demonstrates the Superiority  
of Stock National 40 Design and Materials Over Even the  
World's Choicest Racing Cars and Proves  
the National 40

WORLD'S CHAMPION

## *National 40*

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### Winner at Elgin

The Elgin Stock Chassis Road Races were the most important stock car races of the year. Again the cream of American cars went down in defeat before the stock National 40.

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### First in Elgin National Trophy Race

August 26, 1911

305.03 MILES IN 275 MINUTES, 39.08 SECONDS

66.4 Miles Per Hour, Without a Tire Change

In this race the stock National 40 defeated five cars that had over 100 inches greater piston displacement, and six cars that sell for \$2,000 above the price of a National, and broke the record by 3.92 miles per hour, established the year previous by a \$4,000 car.

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### First and Second in Illinois Trophy Race

August 25, 1911

203.35 MILES IN 185 MINUTES, 55.18 SECONDS

65.6 Miles Per Hour—Both Without a Stop—Only 9.65 Seconds Between  
First and Second

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### World's Stock Straightaway Mile Record

Howard Wilcox, driving a stock National 40, certified under Reg. No. 311, broke the World's Record for the stock straightaway mile and established a new record of 40.32 seconds, over the Atlantic-Pablo Beach, March 30, 1911.

These are records of unequalled consistency. These victories prove the National 40

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## Wins the Great Desert Race

The Los Angeles to Phoenix Desert Road Race, 550 miles over the great American desert, through sand hub deep, was won by Harvey Herrick in the National 40, defeating one foreign and fourteen American cars and finishing two hours and fifty-two minutes ahead of the next car.

## Since January 1, 1911, National Cars Have Won 14 Firsts Out of 20 Races of 100 Miles and Over

This is the unequaled record of the National cars. These victories alone are greater both in class and number than most other manufacturers have won throughout the history of their racing campaigns.

But this is not all—National cars in the hands of thirty-five different drivers (only seven of whom were employed by the factory) won

84 Firsts

48 Seconds

30 Thirds

Since January 1, 1911

Its showing entitles the National to be called

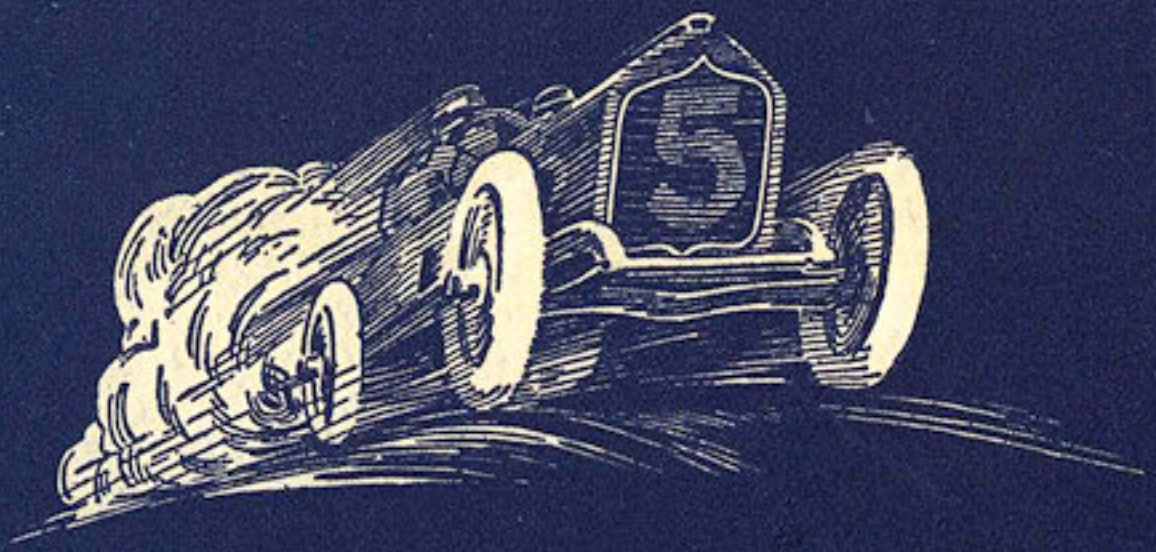
**LONG DISTANCE CHAMPION**

## W A R R A N T Y

We warrant all motor vehicles manufactured by us (except tires, ignition apparatus and trade accessories, such as lamps, tops, wind-shields, gas generators, speedometers, tools, etc.) against defects in materials and workmanship for six months from date of shipment from our factory. Should any part so warranted be found defective in materials or workmanship within said period, our entire liability of any kind is limited to making good said part at our factory, without additional compensation, provided that the purchaser shall send us the part alleged to be defective, carrier's charges prepaid.

We reserve the right to disclaim responsibility in connection with any motor vehicle manufactured by us if it has been altered or repaired outside of our factory, and we assume no responsibility whatever for repairs, replacements or other damages occasioned by misuse, negligence or accidents.

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# National 40

Winner of the World's  
Fastest Road Race

