

1917 Detroit Electric Car – Model 68

BRIEF HISTORY

- ★ In the first 20 years of the 20th century there were over 140 electric car companies created in the USA, most lasting only a few years.
- ★ This car was made by the Anderson Electric Car Company, one of the most successful electric car companies in the country.
- ★ This company began as the Anderson Carriage Company making horse drawn carriages in 1884. It started production of electric cars in 1907, which continued up through 1939. Approximately 10,000 cars were produced during that time. A little more than 100 exist today. This Model 68 is one of 3 known to have survived.
- ★ These cars were popular with women of means and used primarily for city driving. Cost when new was \$2,500 to \$3,000.
- ★ This car was purchased in 2007 from the 2nd owner. Restoration was completed in 2010 (mechanical, electrical, interior, exterior). Previous restoration was done in the 1950s.

1917 DETROIT SPECS

- ⦿ **Steering done by tiller vs. steering wheel:**
 - Long tiller for steering
 - Short tiller advances car though 5 speeds (fwd & rev)
- ⦿ **Pedals on Floor:** Brake/ Parking Brake & Reverse Peddle
- ⦿ **Batteries:** 84 Volts (14, 6 volt deep cycle batteries)
- ⦿ **Range:** 60 – 90 miles on a full battery charge
- ⦿ **Recharging Time:** over night
- ⦿ **Weight:** 4,000 lbs. (950 lbs of batteries)
- ⦿ **Speed:** 20 – 25 mph (on flat road)

