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ROLLS-ROYCE 1907 SILVER GHOST

You can look it up! From top to bottom, your state-of-the-art replica bears the marque of a Franklin Mint Precision Model. From inside out, this Collector's Guide details the Care & Handling of this realistic replica. This Guide provides background information and collector certification. It offers specific directions for operating certain features and handy guidelines for maintaining the overall quality of your model. Keep this Owner's Manual close-at-hand for easy reference.

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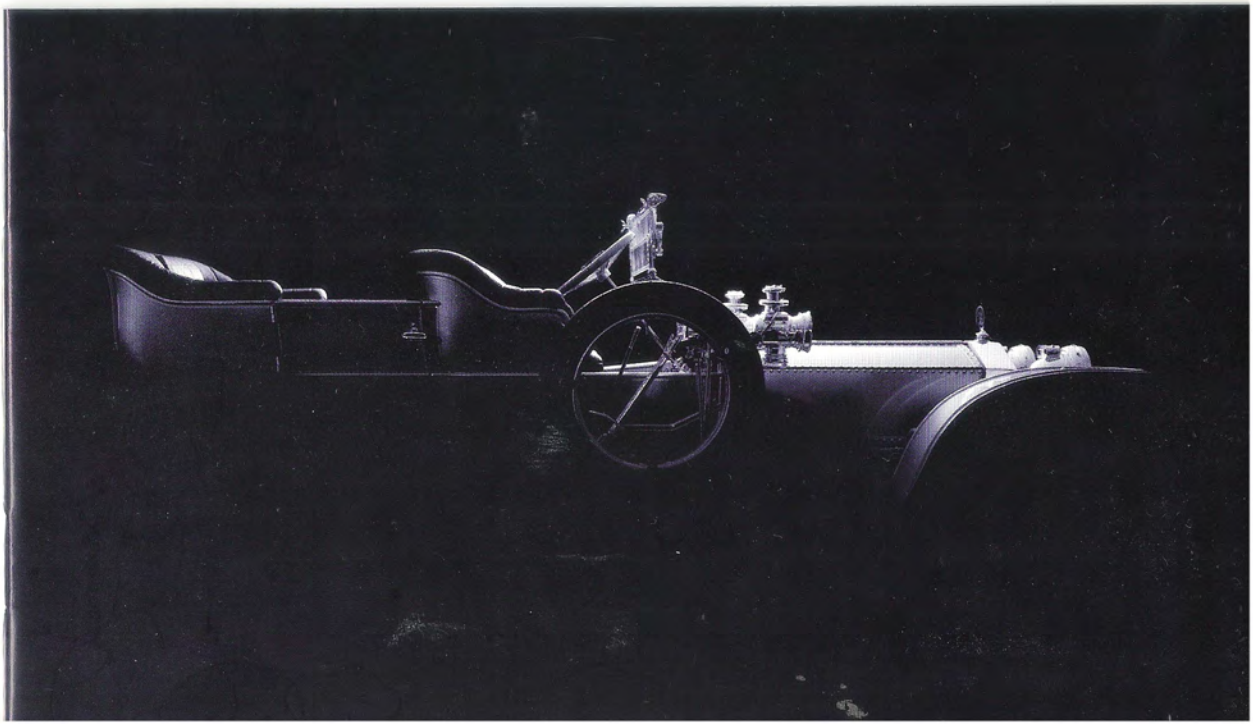

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Your *Rolls-Royce 1907 Silver Ghost—Connoisseur's Series: Premier Edition* is a precision-engineered scale replica and, as with any fine collector's piece, should be handled with care. When handling your model, grasp it firmly under the running boards, never by the opened doors. Save all packaging for use in storing or transporting your model. If you replace the model in the packaging, be sure that it is properly aligned with the special depressions in the styrofoam. The operating parts—rear trunk, arm rest, brake lever and gear selector, crank handle, upper windshield, steering, road wheels, hood, doors and tool boxes—are particularly delicate due to their precise scaling. If you follow these care and handling procedures faithfully, your heirloom quality *Rolls-Royce 1907 Silver Ghost—Connoisseur's Series: Premier Edition* will be a source of pride and pleasure for many years to come!

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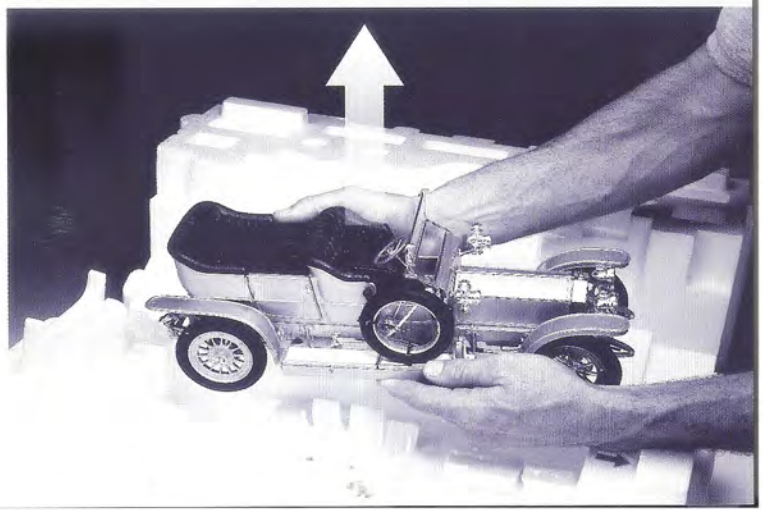
UNPACKING THE VEHICLE

To remove your model from the package, follow these instructions. Open mailing carton and remove soft foam end-cap. Lift the styrofoam module out of carton and place on flat surface. Remove the three blue plastic caps to open module (the sides will fold apart). Remove the side foam blocks from model and flip back the plastic support located at the rear of the model. Grasping the model on both sides (as seen in photo at right) lift straight up and out of module. Remove the foam strips from the engine cover and running board assemblies. Carefully remove the foam blocks from the front and rear seating areas.



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EXCLUSIVE FEATURE

MODEL TOOL

An exclusive feature that comes with your model is a custom tool specially developed to enhance your satisfaction in owning a Franklin Mint Precision Model. This special tool allows you easy access to hard-to-reach places on your model and permits you to better examine some of the authentic details.

Look for this MODEL TOOL ICON in the *Care and Handling* section of your Owner's Manual. Whenever it appears, it will indicate a particular function of your tool on this particular model. Of course, you will probably find numerous other uses for this versatile accessory to your model.

BATTERIES: Your model requires two AAA batteries to power the lights. Batteries are located in the front tool box below the front door. To change the batteries, lift the tool box lid and lift each battery separately at the front edge. Insert new batteries, paying close attention to the direction that each battery must face.

LIGHTS: The lights on your model work. To activate/deactivate, gently press the small button on the underside of front running-board tool box, directly under the front door (*see arrow in photo above*).

DOORS: As on the original Silver Ghost, the front door is hinged at the front, and the rear doors are hinged at the rear. To open the doors, steady the model with one hand and, with the thumb and forefinger of the other hand, pull gently outward on the end of the door opposite the hinge. The doors will open to about a 60° angle and should not be forced past their stops. Otherwise, damage may occur.

HOOD: Open each side of the hood separately by inserting your MODEL TOOL under the lower edge of the hood side panel and lifting. Each panel will open to an angle of about 180° and should not be forced further. Note that the complete hood assembly cannot be removed. *Be sure to hold the hood closed when you turn the model over to examine the undercarriage.*

TOOL BOXES: Tool boxes are located on the running boards on both sides of the model. The box under the spare tire does not open. To open the functioning tool boxes, gently push up on the lip of each lid.

STEERING: Only use the steering wheel to position the direction of the front wheels. To ease this procedure, carefully lift the front end of the model slightly, at the front edges of the suspension springs.

UPPER WINDSHIELD: As on the original, the upper portion of the windshield is hinged to allow ventilation for the driver. To open, gently press forward on the inside of the windshield top panel with the MODEL TOOL. The panel opens forward to about a 90° angle and should not be forced further.

ARM REST: The rear seat armrest on the model is hinged. To fold down, gently pull outward on top edge using MODEL TOOL. The armrest will fold out to about a 90° angle and should not be forced further.

FRONT MAP POCKET: The front seat map pocket can be raised. To open, lift gently on the front edge using MODEL TOOL. It will open to about a 60° angle and should not be forced further.

CRANK: As on the original car, the crank handle on the front of your model is designed to turn. To turn the crank handle, you must first disengage it from the leather support strap. Then turn carefully with the thumb and forefinger. As you turn the crank handle, take notice that the engine fan turns as well.

BRAKE LEVER & GEAR SELECTOR: Located on the driver's side of the body, at the inside of the spare tire, are the gear selector and brake lever. Please use MODEL TOOL when trying to activate these features. The utmost care should be used while activating these features, as they are very delicate. The brake lever is attached to cables which also move and are attached under both sides of the model. Be very careful not to damage any of the other fine details around these parts.

REAR TRUNK: As on the original Silver Ghost, the rear trunk is hinged and will open. To open, gently pull outward on the upper edge using your MODEL TOOL. The lid will open to an angle of about 90° and should not be forced further.

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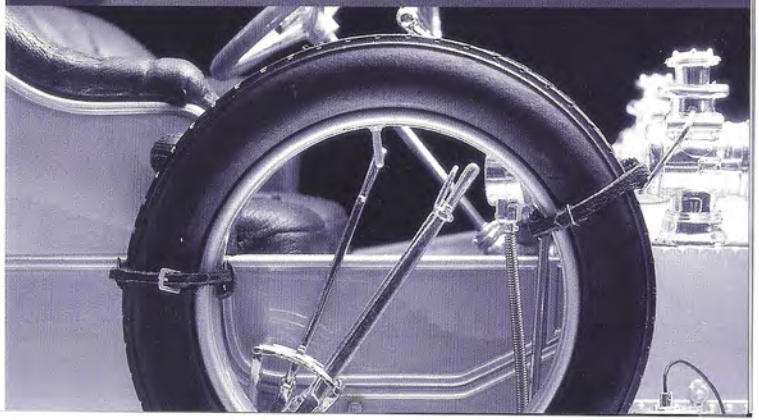
EXTERIOR DETAILING

The exterior trim—including the door handles, bulb horns, front and side lamps, hubcaps, radiator shell, and the acetylene and primer tanks that flank the bonnet—has been decoratively plated and is covered with a protective coating that prevents tarnishing. NEVER USE ANY KIND OF CLEANER, SOLVENT, OR POLISH ON THESE PARTS, as this will damage the coating. Fingerprints and smudges can be wiped away with a soft, dry cloth. Your precision model was hand-painted and hand-waxed and will retain its original sheen. Dust, fingerprints and smudges can be wiped away with a soft, dry cloth. A cotton swab can be used to clean small, hard-to-reach places. If you follow these care and handling procedures faithfully, your heirloom quality *Rolls-Royce 1907 Silver Ghost—Connoisseur's Series: Premier Edition* will be a source of pride and pleasure for many years to come!

One look is all it takes! This realistic replica is the result of advanced design, precision engineering and remarkable craftsmanship. Empirical studies of the actual vehicle provided the blueprint for this scale model. Our attention to details and our ongoing achievements in operating features continue to set the standards for modelmaking.



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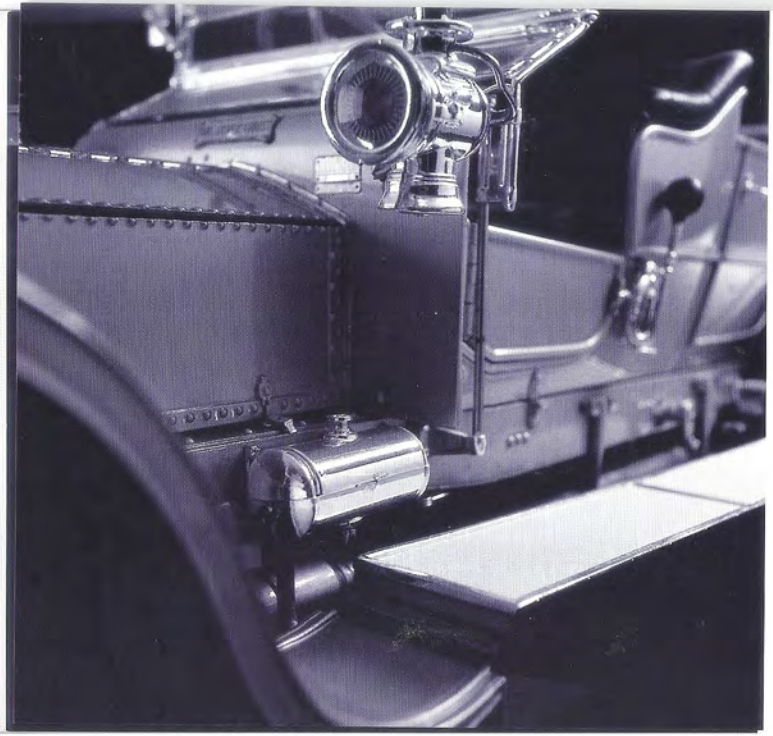
SINCE THE SILVER GHOST LEFT THE 40/50 PRODUCTION LINE IN THE SPRING OF 1907, OLD #13 HAS HAD ONLY TWO OWNERS. ROLLS-ROYCE LIMITED OWNED IT DURING ITS FIRST YEAR, WHEN IT MADE HEADLINES AS THE TRIAL CAR. IN 1908, A.M. HANBURY ACQUIRED IT AND KEPT IT FOR 40 YEARS. SINCE 1948, IT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY MAINTAINED AND HELD IN THE HIGHEST REGARD BY ROLLS-ROYCE & BENTLEY MOTOR CARS LIMITED.

SPECIFICATIONS
TECHNICAL FEATURES

ENGINE	CAST IRON, 6 CYLINDERS (2 BLOCKS OF 3)
BORE & STROKE	114.3 X 114.3 MM
DISPLACEMENT	7036 CC
CARBURETION	SINGLE ROYCE 2 JET TYPE
HORSEPOWER	48 @ 1200 RPM
TRANSMISSION	4 SPEED, CONE CLUTCH
WHEELBASE	3644 MM (LONG)
MAX SPEED	111 KM/H (69 MPH)



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When car aficionados hear the words Silver Ghost, they invariably conjure up images of classic automotive excellence. The official name of the 1907 Rolls-Royce was the 40/50 HP. However, due to one very special motorcar, this Rolls-Royce model would forever be known as *the* Silver Ghost. "Ghost" implied the silent ride the automobile delivered, "Silver" referred to the color and silver plating of the headlamps, grille, and other details.

Introduced in 1907, the Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost seemed immediately destined for greatness. The 13th motorcar that rolled off the 40/50 production line that year was selected by the company for some interesting tests. Between May and August of 1907, this Silver Ghost would distinguish itself in a series of road tests and endurance trials. Once its Barker "Roi-des-Belges" touring body was sprayed with aluminum paint and the metal parts were plated with silver, the Silver Ghost was born.

Powered by an in-line six-cylinder engine that produced 48 bhp, this Silver Ghost was driven 430 miles to Glasgow, Scotland, where it was entered in the 747-mile Scottish Automobile Club Reliability Trials. It performed

admirably, and was awarded a gold medal for excellence in hill-climbing, fuel-consumption, and overall reliability. But the company was out to prove much more. Charles Rolls and three members of the Scottish Trials organization took turns driving The Ghost back and forth between London and Glasgow. They drove six days a week for five weeks, and made 27 trips between the two cities. On August 8th, they reached 15,000 miles, and amazingly, 14,371 of those miles were driven virtually non-stop.

The final chapter in this incredible story of motorcar endurance focuses on what they found when factory mechanics stripped the engine and examined the parts. To everyone's surprise and pleasure, the wear was minimal. In fact, replacement costs were remarkably low. Naturally, these dramatic road tests established the Silver Ghost's reputation for reliability. The company was thrilled that it could demonstrate the motorcar's ghost-like silence which was more than mere advertising publicity.

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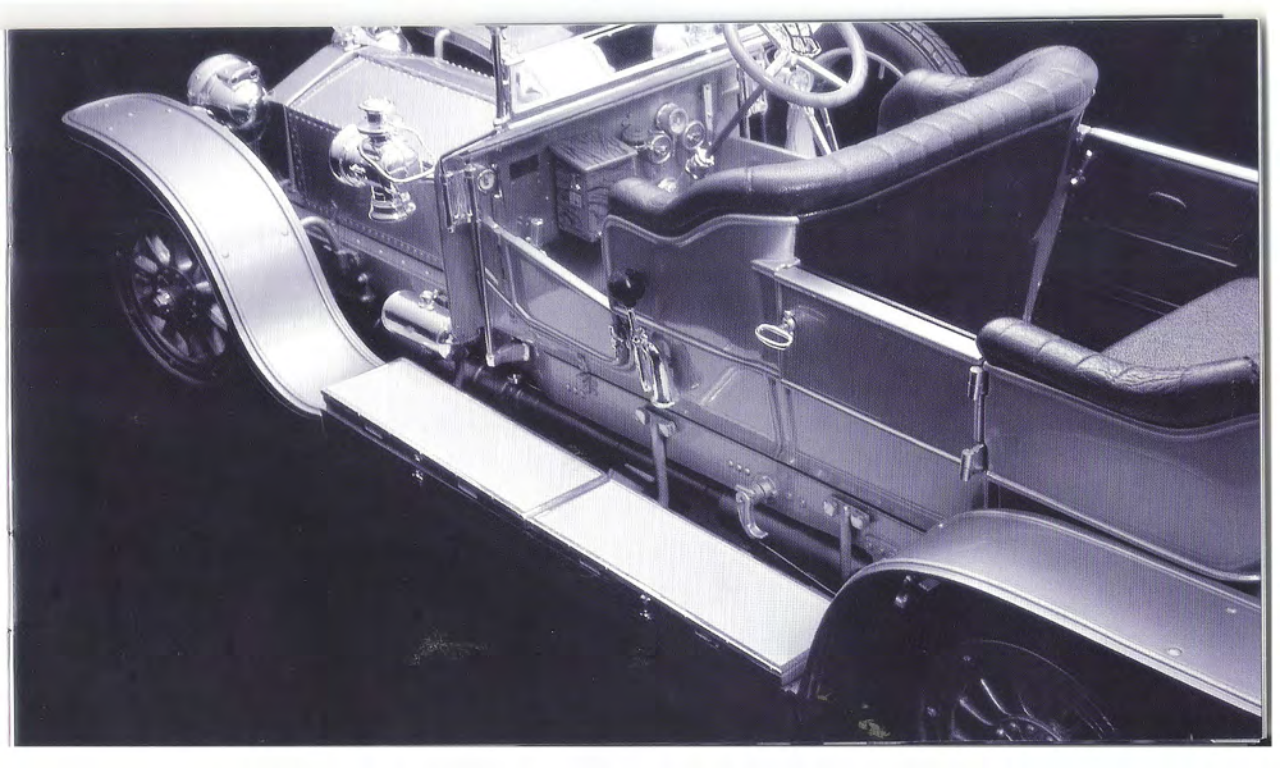


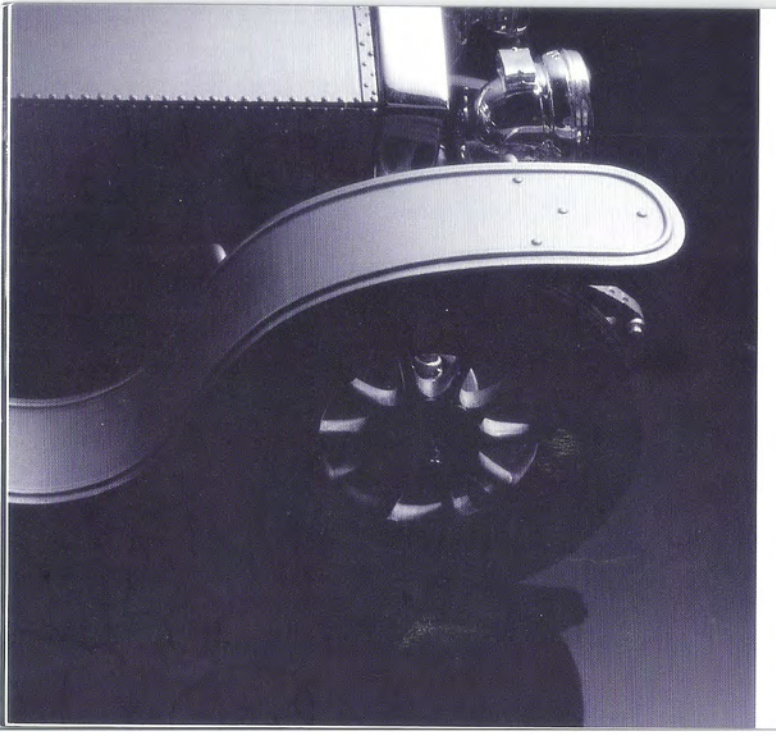
blocks of three-cylinders each in tandem. Later, other key innovations contributed to the motorcar's reputation for operating efficiency and a quiet ride. These included a perfectly balanced seven-bearing crankshaft, a lubricating oil pump, and a dual ignition system for easy starts. To keep the noise down and to prevent rust, the Silver Ghost even featured leather casings for its leaf springs. These examples of attention to detail are why many believe that this was the best motorcar ever built.

That original Silver Ghost used for the Trial—that lucky thirteenth production model—is still in full working order today. It is owned by Rolls-Royce & Bentley Motor Cars Limited. The company keeps it carefully maintained and still makes sure it gets plenty of opportunities to get out on the road and stretch its legs. In fact, in its more than 90 years of existence, this remarkable Silver Ghost has accumulated more than half a million road miles.

A few years ago, at the annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, a world-class car show, the original and

legendary 1907 Silver Ghost was parked along the green fairways of the famous California golf course. With a perfect Pacific coastline as a backdrop, the Silver Ghost was a breathtaking sight. It remains to this day, an extraordinary marriage of technological refinement and graceful luxury—from the green leather seats to the silver-plated lamps and fittings. Then, when the Rolls-Royce representative stepped to the front of this great motorcar and began to crank the engine, everyone held his breath. Yes, The Ghost lived up to its name. The only engine sound was a distant whisper of thoroughbred power. For those who were there, it was a sight and sound they will never forget.

The Silver Ghost is fondly remembered as both a sports car and a limousine. During its 19-year history, it even went off to war as an armored car. Between 1906 and 1925, in their factories at Manchester and Derby, Rolls-Royce built 6,173 Silver Ghosts. But the legend of Rolls-Royce owes its reputation to one very special car—the 13th 40/50 that rolled off the production line in 1907—the one and only, true Silver Ghost.



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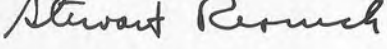

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