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Antique Car Parts

By Naldo Camarones

Owning an antique car is a dream shared by many men and women. Cruising down the street in a

classic car not only turns a few heads it makes you feel great knowing that you've invested in something of value.

For many people they decide to restore the antique car they've purchased. They know that even though it involves a lot of time and work, the end result is well worth the effort.

One of the first things to consider if you are planning on taking on the restoration of an antique car as a hobby is where you'll go to find parts. Antique car parts can be difficult to find. You generally can't walk into your automotive supply store and request the part. Instead you have to do a bit of research to find out where the antique car parts you need can be purchased.

The first place to go to research antique car parts is the internet. Pull up a search page and type in the phrase "antique car parts" followed by your city. With any luck several results will pop up that will give you a resource locally.

If the results of the search aren't as favorable you can begin to research online stores that specialize in antique car parts.

There are several companies who work with their customers to find the antique car parts they need. They are much like a locator service. You request a part and they put the leg work in to find out where the part can be purchased from. You then pay them a finder's fee and purchase the particular antique car part from the source they quoted.

There are also companies whose focus is strictly in antique car parts. They compile a vast collection of varied parts and offer them to their customers through their website or store front. There will be additional charges for shipping but if you've been having trouble locating a specific part this can be a welcomed resource.

Another source for finding antique car parts is your local newspapers. Sometimes collectors decide to sell off certain parts. You simply peruse the listings and contact the seller asking about the condition of the antique car part you are searching for and the price. Quite often they are excited to help you with your project and will offer you a reasonable price for the required part.

Sometimes you can find a treasure in an unexpected place. Auto wreckers often have antique cars in their lots. These are cars that were not restored and they reached such a debilitated condition that they are now being used strictly for parts.

Some auto wreckers keep a very close inventory on what is on their property. In this case you'll simply need to call them and inquire about the part citing the type of antique car you have and what you need. They'll search their computer database and be able to tell you whether or not they can supply you that antique car part.

Other auto wreckers prefer their customers to come to their location and look over the vehicles

themselves. You'll want to take a few tools with you just in case you do locate the part you are searching for. The majority of auto wrecking operations require the customer remove the desired part themselves.

Although it can be tricky to find the antique car parts you need, with a little research you should get what you need to completely restore the vehicle.

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Antiques − The Modern Day Treasure Hunt

By Todd Lange

In today's world, everything that's old can be described as antiques and generally speaking that's quite true. A product is considered to be an antique if it is over a hundred years old or is rare enough to have some value. In other words, these are old items that are in limited supply.

An antique is something collectible. It may be a piece of antique furniture that you want to collect to enhance the look of a room, or a piece of antique pottery to decorate a corner cupboard, or some antique books, antique camera and photographs, antique jewelry, antique money, antique car, antique clocks, or antique watches that you want to hand down to your grandchildren but the items must be rare enough to be considered an antique. The others are just secondhand goods junk. Most people have a common misconception about an antique: the older they look, the more antique they must be. Appearance has nothing to do with it, just because a piece looks like it came out of grandma's attic does not necessarily mean that it's an antique. The value of an antique is based on demand due to suitability and limited supply.

Most people become fascinated in an antique for two reasons; either they have an interest in collecting antique purely for personal enjoyment and are willing to shell out money for antique restoration or they inherited it from a family member. The most common are antique pottery, antique car, antique furniture, antique books, antique camera and photographs, antique clocks, antique money, antique jewelry and antique watches. However they came about it, everyone wants to be sure of one thing that what they buy or inherit will escalate in value as time goes by. That is what antique collection is all about.

There are two main principles that apply when collecting an antique: The first is to know everything that you can about the antique that interests you and second is to obtain them at the lowest possible price. Doing so will not only give you satisfaction and enjoyment, but at the same time you will also be assured that your investment will appreciate in value.

Some people only developed an interest in antique because they inherited an item or a whole house full of antique from a relative. The dollar signs started to appear and they began their hunt for some antique appraisals and antique auction. But what most failed to consider is that much of what Great Grandmother had is probably just junk, unless she was a seasoned collector who's into antique restoration or an expert in antique appraisals.

It's true that people could have bought a piece of furniture to decorate their home a long time ago and that furniture, if it were of fine quality, would now be worth something. But only a professional appraiser can guarantee that, and appraising costs about $100−150 an hour. So if you are keen on bringing you item in an antique auction and contemplating about asking someone how much an item is worth, be prepared to shell out a few bucks for the information. Appraisers charge so much because they shoulder the lion's share for insurance companies and lawyers settling estates. Although appraising is not an exact science, it still requires an appraiser to do lots of research and then prepare a detailed report that's acceptable in a court of law.

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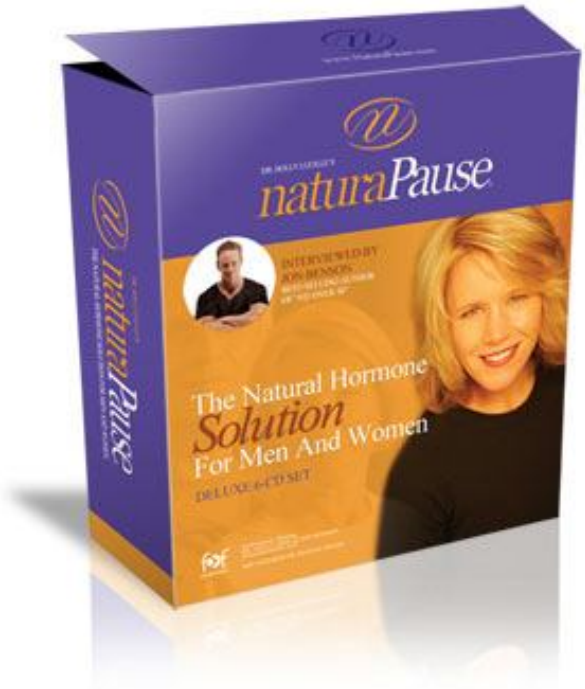

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