

FOR SALE

1920 ORCHARD TRUCK

This truck represents the first attempt to mechanize the agricultural business here in Santa Clara Valley, “The Valley of Hearts Delight” as it was known in those days. It was here that much of the “produce” for a growing nation was grown and shipped across the country in newly invented “refrigerated” box cars on the railroad. The Pacific Fruit Express (PFE) had thousands of Ice cooled box cars, each requiring 10,000 pounds of ice for the trip cross country. These trucks replaced horse drawn wagons and increased productivity

The truck was originally owned by the San Jose Historical Society. The current owner purchased it years ago. Aries Restoration recently fully restored this vehicle to new condition as it was sold in 1920. It was mechanically worn out, and the wood, sheet metal and body were weathered and in worn condition. A complete ground up restoration was required to bring the truck back to new condition.

The chassis were provided by Ford Motor Company, a **Model TT**, no starter or generator was provided on the standard models. The body was made by “Eagle Body Mfg.,” and sold by Geo. E. Powell, 284 N. First Street, both San Jose.

This is the last known example in existence.

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