

Franklin 11A – 1926 Coupe

Air-cooled elegance from upstate New York.

This rare Franklin 11A Coupe has a remarkable story—one that starts in Texas, with a man named George Horak. In 1997, George bought the car as a wreck at a Herey auction, intending to restore it piece by piece.

And he did—engine, drivetrain, chrome trim—all slowly and lovingly rebuilt. But then came new projects, and the Franklin was left to rest among the pickup trucks and buggies on George's ranch. There it stayed, quietly waiting, until 2017 when a friend of Mr. Horak told us about it.

We didn't hesitate. One look at this air-cooled beauty with its unmistakable proportions, and we knew it had to join our collection.

Franklin Motor Company, based in Syracuse, New York, was famous for its air-cooled engines and advanced engineering. Between mid-1925 and late 1926, over 13,000 Franklin Series 11 cars were sold.

This model is especially valuable as a two-door coupe, a body style that's now highly sought after. Even Charles Lindbergh, the legendary aviator, was a proud Franklin owner.

Our Franklin is still awaiting full restoration—but someday soon, it will roll proudly once again... and not in a stylized barn.