

Willys Knight 66A – 1929

A rare survivor with royal engine lineage.

Willys-Knight was produced from 1914 to 1933 by the Willys-Overland Company of Toledo, Ohio. Although this car may look like a freshly discovered “barn find,” you’re actually looking at a very rare and technically sophisticated vehicle for its time.

What makes this Willys-Knight so special is its Knight-type sleeve-valve engine—a feature usually reserved for high-end marques like Minerva or Mercedes. Look closely at the height of the engine block. That’s because instead of traditional valves, it uses sleeves (or “sliding sleeves”) that rotate and slide to control intake and exhaust—a smooth, quiet solution, but expensive to produce.

This particular car is one of only 1,473 units made in 1929. We found it in an actual barn in Minnesota, looking much like it does now.

Sadly, the Great Depression forced Willys-Overland into bankruptcy, bringing the Willys-Knight brand to an end. The last model was the 66E Great Six from 1933, also known as the Streamline Six.

Today, this car stands as a true veteran with a capital V. And yes, the engine runs! If it’s love at first sight, we may be open to selling...