

Buick 6-45 1918 EN

David Dunbar Buick was first and foremost an inventor — and, at the same time, a rather poor businessman. He held patents for a variety of innovations, including garden irrigation systems. More importantly, however, he developed a method of bonding vitreous enamel to steel. What do we call that today?

Enamel.

The sale of that patent earned him **\$100,000**, a fortune at the time, and enough capital to establish the **Buick Motor Company** in 1903 with financial assistance from a friend.

Another of Buick's significant achievements was his patented **overhead-valve (OHV) engine design**. This valve-in-head configuration used pushrods operated by a camshaft positioned alongside the crankshaft. Buick remained faithful to this engineering concept for many decades to come.

The Buick Motor Company was actually his second business venture. By 1904, he had already sold the company to **James Whiting**, while **William Crapo Durant** became its president. Within a few years, Durant would go on to create what became the **General Motors Corporation**.

By the time this particular automobile was built, David Buick had long since lost ownership of the company bearing his name. Fortunately, the brand itself was thriving within the growing General Motors organization.

The **Buick Six** was first introduced in 1914 as Buick Division's flagship automobile, produced in **Flint, Michigan**. It rode on an entirely new platform shared with the **Oldsmobile Six** and became the first Buick to feature a left-hand steering wheel and an electric starter supplied by **Delco Remy**, along with an electric lighting system and a **Klaxon** electric horn.

Isn't that wonderful? A horn made by a company called **Klaxon**. The previous — and only — owner of this vehicle was **Mr. Eugen Bóne** from **Elgin, Illinois**. Eugen is retired, owns several other collector cars, and today he trusts us completely. That was not always the case. At first, he was firmly convinced that he was dealing with scammers from **Chad**.

Chad or Czech... who can blame him for the confusion? Once I managed to relocate him from Africa back to Europe on the map, his confidence grew considerably.

And thanks to that newfound trust, you can now enjoy this magnificent automobile together with us.