

AUSTIN K2 TRUCK

The Austin truck was donated to the Museum by Paul & Colleen de Pierres who have had it on the farm for many years after Colleen's father purchased it from the Eaton family for their 'Yelbini Farm' in the late 70's.

First purchased by Mr Norm Eaton (Dons Father) from Norm Edwards (Wylie Austin Dealer) in 1948 it served as the main farm vehicle for three decades, feeding sheep, carting grain and everything else you would expect from the workhorse. (Amazing that this truck was delivered from Great Britain to Wyalkatchem in a huge pine box which was still on the farm until recent years). Speaking to Don today, he could still roll off verbatim the engine number of the Austin, as he said "all those years looking at the rego sticker on the windscreen (which also displayed the E/N back then).

The Austin K2 was a British heavy military truck and also ambulance built (13,000) for use during the Second World War. The Austin is widely regarded to having a gearbox that needed to be "understood" but once mastered provided good service. One person who did master it was Queen Elizabeth II who drove one during World War II. The top speed is around 50 mph (80 km/h) (very good for its age) one veteran said he got 70 mph (113 km/h) in Korea, how he stopped it is another matter.

VB-K2 1946 Austin 6cyl Chas: 120845

Engine Austin 6-cylinder, 3462 cc, petrol,
60 hp at 3000 rpm, 153 lbfft (207.4 Nm) at 1200 rpm

Payload capacity 4

Number built 13 102

Specifications

Weight 3 tons 1½ cwt (3124.3 kg) (dry)

Length 18 ft (5.49 m)

Width 7 ft 5 in (2.21 m)

Height 9 ft 2 in (2.79 m)

Suspension Wheel, 4 × 2

Speed 50 mph (80 km/h)



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