FORDSON MAJOR Half Track

YEAR: 1947

MODEL: E27N

COUNTRY: England

ENGINE: 27HP Kero (Petrol Start)

ITEM NUMBER: 174 + 174A

• DONATED BY: Mr N.G.Turner – Half Track Donated by Viv Clarke (Original Owner Sam Gangell – Nalkain) The Fordson E27N Major was an upgrade to the Fordson N, and made in England from March 1945, having the same engine and transmission as the Model N, but in a new casting which allowed for a PTO and a hydraulic lift unit manufactured by either Smiths or Varley. The differential however was of completely new design. For the first time Fordson owners could purchase a tractor from the dealer fully equipped with 3PL, PTO, full electrics and an adjustable-width front axle, allowing the tractor to work row-crops.

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Available in many different versions, one such as the half-tracked version by Roadless, from 1948 onwards the Perkins P6 (TA) could be ordered fitted from the factory, giving the tractor a 45 hp power unit, and improving on the design that was let down by the under-powered petrol/TVO engine. The E27N was a popular Machine with Australian farmers, setting the way for large sales of the New Fordson Major (E1A).