



Automobilia Auction Online (509)

Starting: 26/07/2020 13:00

Ending: Sun, 2nd Aug 2020 13:00

Lot 47

Estimate: £800 - £1200 + Fees

A Very Early and Rare Rover Cycles Enamel Sign Dating From 1899

White text and shield insignia over deep indigo blue, manufactured by the Patent Enamel Co. and dated 1899. Some small areas of professional restoration, otherwise superb and in remarkably good original condition, for an item manufactured 121 years ago.

History of the Patent Enamel Co - This company (built in 1889 at Selly Oak), the first factory specifically devoted to enameled iron sign making. It had twelve furnaces for fusing the enamel, two scaling furnaces, and a large printing room, plus a huge area for steampipe drying. The company also smelted its own enamels and colour oxides. It is believed that the factory was decommissioned and demolished in the 1960's.