

ROLLS ROYCE 20 HP UW5533

CHASSIS GVO 30

APPROXIMATE HISTORY

19/12/1929	SOLD to Mile Mercedes Dose c/o R.A.C Pall Mall Who became: Princess Mercedes Dose Dietrichstein 41 Emile Menier Paris
05/07/1932	With dealer: Rootes Ltd Devonshire House Picadilly London W1
September 1932	David John Hamilton Auchenglish Via Alexandria Ardere Dumbartonshire
April 1935	James Walter Webb 31 Coulhurst Road London N8 Kenneth Charles Lambert? Webb Tammington Suffolk
June 1940	Some stage sold to Whitley Paper
July 1940	Wharfedale R.D.C Otley Ambulance
February 1948	BSW Whitley Ltd Pool Paper Mills Pool in Wharfedale Works Ambulance?
January 1958	Dennis Roberts Dixon Church Hill Stores Bramhope nr Leeds Mobile Shop
May 1960	John Eric Brooks Sunset drive 2 Ilkley Yorks

May 1984

John Christopher Brooks
Penreath
Mithian Downs
St Agnes
Cornwall

March 2005

Peter Sheppard
Purchase 04/03/2005
From Real Car Company

From March 2005

Car was purchased with no bodywork rear of the front doors. The plywood ambulance body had apparently deteriorated and was burnt. Possibly when the car was moved in Cornwall prior to 2005.

The principle of the restoration was to retain as much as possible of the original vehicle. To aid with the restoration, parcels of 20HP parts were purchased, as much to practice on as to use on the vehicle. Helpful sources; Mike Palfreyman, John Hibbert and Eric Hillyard.

The complexities of central lubrication gradually came to be understood and sources of parts for refurbishment established.

Starting from a position of zero knowledge about a pre-war Rolls Royce, the body was removed from the chassis and restoration began from the rear forward. The rear springs had suffered from its period as a mobile shop and were replaced. The rear axle and brakes were rebuilt.

The engine overhaul was done by Jack Seddon with the head and block work supervised by Alan Glew.

The chassis was driven around RAF Portreath, without bodywork, putting about 30 miles on the engine and chassis in 2007.

The bodywork was remade by Western Coachwork near Derby and the painting done by Trew Colours in Camborne. Rex and Christian Trewella.
Upholstery by David Nudd in Penzance.
Mileage at this stage was 14494

The car's first road outings were in early 2009 and we participated in the 2009 rally to Bouillon, Belgium. The trip was not without incident but we made a lot of friends.

In 2010 an overdrive was fitted by us, kit supplied by Nostalgia Cars.

Front axle has had occasional attention.

Top end overhaul by Ben Smith, Mach 2018. Mileage 31522.

Niggly charging problems pinned down to the regulator which was then bypassed in favour of a 1960's style regulator and the dynamo modified to two brush.

GVO 30 has done eight continental rallies, a couple of annual rallies and two memorable rallies to Ireland. Mileage currently 36245.