



As found



As painted in 1999



As painted today.



The original tag as found in 1985.

### Owner/s

Noel and Margot Kitchiner

### Where do you live?

New Beth, Logan Qld

### Vehicle:

It is a Chevrolet Superior K as this is what the original tag says it is.

I was told years ago that it was a 1925 Superior K as the Superior K is noted as a 1925 model. Believe it's year of manufactured is 1926 with some differences to the Superior V 1926 Australian built model.

Differences are,

1. Flat panels with no bead as (Australian 1926 model had a single bead full length of the vehicle)
2. No external door handles.
3. No brace between the clutch housing and the transmission.
4. Hand throttle and advance/retard levers mounted on the dash.

What do we call her, well we just call her "Gurtie" a Superior K and others can make up their own mind what year Gurtie was manufactured.

You could nearly write a book on the Superior K with a 2V prefix serial number.

**How long have you owned the vehicle?**

Since May 1985

**Where did you get this vehicle?**

In a shed on a farm at the Halfway House between Rockhampton and Yeppoon.

**What is the story behind the vehicle?**

I was told it was a 1927 Capital tourer cut down to a farm utility. After viewing the vehicle or should I say from what was left of it and added with my extensive knowledge of early Chevrolets, we discovered indeed it was a Chevrolet as that is what the badge on the radiator said.

“Please refer to our “Need for Speed” story on the complete story.”

**What condition was it in when you got it?**

Rust everywhere as it was used to pick up rose wood posts from the Byfield Forrest. As there was no road at the time, they used the beach as the roadway hence the rust.

**What kind of work have you done on this vehicle?**

Full restoration as a good cut and polish was not going to cut it.

**What was the hardest part to find?**

It turned out the “Tub” was the hardest part to find. We were going to use a 1927/28 tub at first as this tub was the only one, we could find at the time. Found a Superior K tub in Armidale NSW.

**Do you have any other projects that you are currently working on or planning to start soon?**

We are currently rebuilding a 1926 Superior V farm ute which we found in Glen Innes NSW. Similar condition as we found “Gurtie”.

**Do you have any advice for people thinking about starting a restoration?**

Find one that is near complete as possible and if it needs body work or mechanical work find an expert to assist you. Do as much investigation of the missing parts as you can so as not to disappoint later that you can not find them.

**Are there any interesting stories that you can share with us about your experience with this vehicle?**

When I was helping panel beater weld up the guards on Gurtie, I received a good dose of welding flash. With sandpaper eyes about midnight, we rang the Ambulance to take me into the hospital ED. A few drops in both eyes and with them both bandaged I was ready to go home. The only thing was the Ambulance trip was one way. So, there I was both eyes closed and bandaged, wearing only my PJ's and no money I had to convince a taxi driver to take me home navigate the front step with a blind man in the dark and to then ask Margot for the taxi fare.

Happy to say it all worked out ok.