

Victoria, 4-wheeled Convertible Horse-drawn Carriage, Circa 1900



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Period: 19th century

Condition: Etat d'usage

Material: Solid wood

Description

Horse-drawn carriage "Victoria", in good used condition except for the unstitched hood corner, complete. Dimensions: Total height with hood unfolded 200 cm, length without shafts 265 cm, arms 140 cm, front wheels diam. 67 cm, rear 91 cm, width 145 cm, hood height 81 cm. The Victoria is a horse-drawn carriage that appeared around 1840, based on a phaeton designed for the Prince of Wales, the future King Edward VII, but it would have been created in France and named in honor of Queen Victoria, and then it would have reached England, where the name "Victoria" does not appear before 1870. Easy to access, it is considered a ladies' carriage. The Victoria is a four-wheeled, two-seater cabriolet, to which a seat on the trunk was added for the coachman, pulled by one or two horses, and intended for city

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travel. It is suspended by C-springs, or an eight-spring suspension. The body drops quite low in front of the rear axle, facilitating access. The running boards and mudguards are combined. Many tourist "carriages" are actually Victorias. The Victoria Grand Duke had no trunk at the front, and was equipped with a seat at the rear for two servants. Unlike the Grand Duke, the Victoria Grand Duke had a removable coachman's seat, which made it possible to hitch a ride to the d'Aumont, or to drive from the rear seat.