



ONE H.P. "TRAINER CAR" FOR CHILDREN

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A ONE-HORSE POWER miniature "streamed-lined" car which may be a factor in saving millions of lives of road-users of the future is one of the newest devices now being considered by educationists as a means of teaching road safety to children while they are still at school.

The car is the result of a year of careful experimental work by the makers, and is called the Ateo Junior Safety First Trainer.

The function of the car, which is especially built for road safety training classes, is to teach a child to develop road sense at an early age through practical experience of driving a power-propelled vehicle and the observance of the "Rules of the Road."

The "Trainer," which is now available to the public, is a perfect miniature two-seater car, with all its equipments and machinery scaled down to a size adaptable to the needs of boys and girls from seven to seventeen years-old. It has forward and reverse gears with pedal controls for the clutch and accelerator, and both foot and hand operated brakes.

The car is propelled by a one-horse-power two stroke internal combustion engine, giving a maximum speed of ten miles per hour, and is started by a neatly placed lever between the seats. An adjustable steering-wheel makes it suitable for use by children of varying height.

LIKE FATHER'S—BUT NO TAX

The "Children's Car" is equipped with pneumatic tyres "just like Father's, and the wheels run on roller bearings. The children, however, will have "one up on Father," because they will have no tax to pay.

"The environment of human beings is becoming more and more mechanical, and children should be taught as early as possible the elementary secrets of mechanical power and the safe control and use of it," it is stated.

"Such training is at least as popular and vital as Latin, mathematics or physical training, and furthermore it would do more than anything else to reduce to a fraction to-day's grim life-toll of the roads in the years to come."

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A sixty-six page illustrated Training Manual has been prepared by the makers for use of parents, teachers or children in conjunction with the Junior Safety-first Trainer. It has been written by experts and constitutes an exhaustive text book of elementary motor engineering and of the ethics of driving.

The Trainer costs only £35, and is available to local authorities and schools at special rates, and is especially suitable for use on miniature training-grounds with road crossing signs and beacons.

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