



Novel Training Car.

A one-horse power miniature "streamlined" car, which may be a factor in saving the lives of many 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 Atco Junior Safetyfirst 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 miniature two-seater car, with all its equipment and machinery scaled down to a size adaptable to the needs of boys and girls from seven to 17 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

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started by a neatly-placed lever between the seats. An adjustable steering-wheel makes it suitable for use by children of varying height.

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 car is painted green and fitted with red upholstery. The wheels and mudguards are black, and the wind-screen fittings, radiator grill and hub-caps are chromium plated. By undoing twelve nuts an adult can lift the body of the car clear of the chassis, and can then instruct a boy or girl in the mechanism. The whole engine unit can be removed from the chassis in the space of a few minutes. 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 textbook 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.