

The Bud Vase

A lot of things we take for granted these days were inspired by the autos of the past. Take the Bud vase for instance, it actually had a practical function in the early automobile. Early automobiles had their batteries in the passenger compartment and were known for being hot and often smelly. You could not just go to the store and buy one of those little pine trees to hang inside. However you could get a Bud Vase and put a fragrant flower in it. Somewhere around 1895 Bud Vases began showing up as the first automobile air-fresheners.



Bud Vases came in many shapes and sizes and were could be found in Glass, Crystal, Metal, Porcelain, Ceramic and even Wood. They would be mounted on the Dash or on the Door Pilar in a Sedan. The mounting brackets were often more elaborate that the Bud Vases themselves, adding a touch of class to the interior.



Bud Vases were not only sold in Auto Parts Stores but you could also find them in Jewelry Stores, Catalogs and at your local Ford Dealer. More recently the folks who manufacture the Volkswagen Beetle have begun to make them available.

Some of these Vases have a Makers Mark which will help identify who and when it was made. Many of the early Vases have become highly collectable and sought after. There are websites dedicated to collecting these items, that can assist you in establishing a value.

The three pairs pictured here are actually for sale. If you are interested you can call George Mize at 360 479-7694

