

# TRACTORS IN FOCUS: VETERAN – VINTAGE – CLASSIC – MODERN

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Tractors are the subject of rightful fascination – living, breathing entities that are so much more than pieces of machinery. Over the course of a year, through all four seasons, tractor author, journalist and photographer par excellence Peter Love has captured more than 150 images of tractors old and new, elegant and workaday, large and small, from America to Britain and Ireland, and through all four seasons, to present this engrossing collection of tractors and crawlers of all sorts and in various stages of preservation. Veteran, vintage and classic machines are all covered in some detail, together with the popular and thriving sales scene. Peter's keen sense of detail provides a thorough background to each photograph.

With a truly expert and informative text embracing the history, technical specifications and current status of the machines, this book will provide hours of joyful reading for the specialist, the enthusiast and the generally interested alike.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Peter Love was born into a family of farmers and photographers. As a professional and agricultural journalist he travels the world. He created *Tractor & Machinery* magazine which he edited until 2007, *Classic and Vintage Commercials*, *Classic Tractor*, *Classic Plant & Machinery*, and *Old Tractor* and *Ford and Fordson Tractors* magazines, the latter two which he edits today. In addition he is an editor at large on *Classic Massey and Ferguson Enthusiast*, *Classic Plant and Machinery* and a contributor to several others.

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Above: The ultimate tractor when it comes to collecting just has to be the 1938 Minneapolis-Moline UDLX.

Above left: Pictured in June 2012 is the Gordon Carson and Bryan Beba late type IHC Titan 10/20; they have a wonderful collection of tractors in East Anglia.

Left: Rallying can be fun and a tractor that first appeared in 2007 at Ardingly is this totally original condition Eskilstuna, Sweden-made Bolinder-Munktel BM10.

County's were the stars at the Greyabbey working, as I tried to contend with taking photographs in one hand, commenting in the other and keeping the rain off the camera lens. I just about juggled all three and it was great to see five Ford derivative four-wheel drives taking to the hill.



Example of a double-page spread.



It's 2 February 2012 in Northamptonshire and I had turned the wrong way as I was heading to Eix, Ekert's premises. However, what did I come across in the light snowy conditions, but a 1938 Phoenix Ferguson 275 with John Deere 140 tractor. The two-wheeled drive 60hp four-cylinder 144.25hp powered tractor was produced from 1936, with the four-wheeled drive version introduced the following year.

Opposite: Having arrived at Eix's premises we had his wonderful 1952 Norman of England 1963 tractor on. Turner of Midshampton once known for their engineering prowess and their new second generation British diesel tractor was regrettably cancelled in 1949 when it was introduced at the Royal Show which that year was in Stonehenge. The 'Norman of England' tractor was fitted with a hand built marine type V-4 diesel which meant each tractor was slightly different to the next. This example was to sell for £12,500 on 14 April 2013.



At Newby Hall in June 2011 we saw three mighty veteran prairie tractors together, all imports to Europe in preservation times, lining up from left to right. Possibly the noisiest veteran tractor made was the two-cylinder 1912 IHC Titan D 27-45hp. TN647 was built at the Milwaukee works and was a type made 1911-14 and now lives in Yorkshire. Next door is Sjeff, Chris and Gijs Koolan's 1924 Aultman-Taylor 30-60 4340 from The Netherlands. This was the most powerful tractor for its time when tested at Lincoln, Nebraska. The last of the big three is the 1915 Twin-City 40-65 1418