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About the AuthorThe author of some thirty-five books on the motoring of yesteryear, Jonathan Wood has made a particular study of the histories of Britain's multifarious car makers. He has received the Guild of Motoring Writers' Montagu Trophy and the Society of Automotive Historians' Cugnot Award.