



Pattern 4577: Gentleman's Motor Dust Coat

Issued in *Madame Weigel's Journal of Fashion* in December 1920, this motor dust coat helped to deal with the dust of Australia's often harsh climate.

Seen as particularly suitable for driving or motoring, the coat fastened up to the neck to protect the clothes beneath. The coat was finished with a turn-down collar, a back belt sewn into the side seams, and lapped-and-stitched seams.

Suitable materials were crash, linen, holland, and cotton poplin.

Pattern sizes ranged for this dust coat ranged from 36" to 44" chest. The pattern cost 1s. 3d.

Sufficiently popular to be repeated in *Madame Weigel's Journal of Fashion*, this motoring dust coat was repeated five times between the first date of issue in December 1920 and the last repeat in June 1929.

A time span of 103 months had elapsed, or over 8 years, during which the pattern remained useful and popular.

This motorist, neatly booted, capped and gloved, appears to be taking a break, cigarette in hand.

Madame Weigel was a keen motorist, as well as a regular private limousine passenger, with chauffeur of course. This gentleman no doubt echoed some of the chauffeurs who had driven her on her travels, both in Australia and overseas.

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