

1971 (pre-July) Hetchins: Hellenic 23"/ 58.5 cm (center of bottom bracket to top of seat tube)

Head set: Campagnolo 1039, Record Strada

Bottom Bracket: Stronglight Competition w/ 125mm Stronglight spindle

Crankset: Stronglight 49D crank (French thread rethreaded for English pedals) with TA CycloTourist triple chain ring set

Pedals: Lyotard Marcel Berthet MB 23 pedals (later version w/o threaded holes to attach clips, Christophe clips and straps)

Front Derailleur: Campagnolo Record 1052 3 hole (post '78 with CPSC lip)

Rear Derailleur: Campagnolo Rally 2nd gen.

Chain: Regina Corsa

Freewheel: Regina 6 spd.

Brakes: Mafac Racer Center-pulls with Mafac Competition levers

Stem: GB Hiduminium spearpoint w/inset center-pull adjuster

Handlebars: ATAX Guidons Philippe bars

Hubs: Campy hubs (Large flange front, small flange rear)

Rims: Weinmann concave 27 x 1 1/4" alloy rims 4x build

Seat post: Campagnolo Record 2 bolt

Saddle: Lycett L'Avenir

Bar Tape: NOS Gemtape plastic bar tape, Hetchins logo bar ends

History: Serial number sequencing puts frame manufacture pre-July 1971. Looking for purchase paperwork but one of two Hetchins found in California storage of Charles ("Charlie") Harding of "Harding's Bicycles," Ireland (Cork and Dublin) and of "C. Harding's Westwood Cyclery" in Westwood, California.

The California shop had been a bicycle shop before Charlie acquired it in the 60's but closed in early 1990's and stock, including display stock, went in to storage. Charlie traveled to Ireland, Britain and Europe each year to visit his shops and to hit bike shows. He also went to the Long Beach, California bike show each year. So, unless and until we find Charlie's copies of purchase documents on his two Hetchins, this Hetchins could have been purchased at any place Hetchins were shown – including the Long Beach Cycle show as there are photographs showing Alf in front of his displays at the Long Beach shows.

According to former employees and customers of C. Harding's, this Hellenic model was on display in C. Harding's Westwood Cyclery for a period from sometime in the 70's through late 80's. It has not been retouched in any fashion since purchase. After Charlie's passing in December of 2023, a former employee of the shop was allowed to try and move the storage parts to folk who could use them. In June of 2024, this frame and fork (with Campy headset installed) was discovered hanging in rafters covered with dust. He was gifted with this Hetchins and allowed access to the parts stored to build it up so that Charlie's Hetchins would be back out on display (and on the road) for Charlie's name to live on.

As photographed: built completely with parts still in Charlie's storage except the Rally 2d gen., which the current owner got in trade for other parts from Charlie's storage, and the bar ends (eBay).