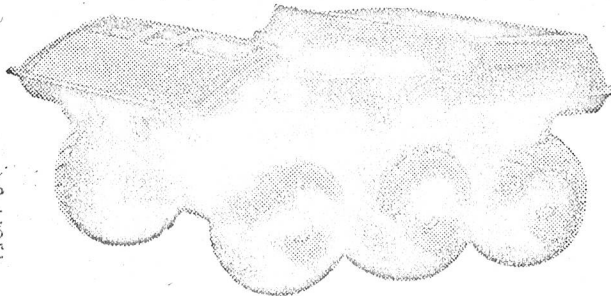


The buggy that can tackle everything

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THICK mud, soft sand, deep snow—even rivers can be tackled by the revolutionary Amphicat which will be on show at the Earls Court Motor Show on Wednesday.

The tiny six-wheeled buggy, priced at £875, is the first multi-adaptable vehicle to go on sale in Britain, and looks like having a bright future.

Its tyres are of the low pressure balloon type (only 1½lb. per square inch compared with 24lb. in a normal car) that can go over a putting green without damaging it, yet they can tackle rocks.

Local authorities should find it a boon in floods or deep snow, while shooting and fishing enthusiasts could use it for crossing streams, going across country, and so on. It has a Sachs 16 h.p. air-

cooled engine, driving all six wheels and giving a top speed of 37 m.p.h. on land, and 5 m.p.h. on water.

The Amphicat is 6ft. 9in. long and weighs only 3½ cwt.

The first few are being imported from Ontario, where the Amphicat has been developed, by the Crayford firm of Westerham, Kent.

A director of the company said yesterday: 'We shall soon start making it ourselves for supply in this country and on the Continent. And we are thinking seriously of changing over to a British engine before we start full production.'

A complete service network for the Amphicat is to be set up in Britain, and it will go on sale immediately the Motor Show opens.