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 **An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner** (Read 1100 times)

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 **An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:24am

Over the Labor Day weekend I picked up this nickeled #8 Wagner.

I've wanted one of these ever since learning of their existence - it's the first no-wobble example I've encountered in the wild - and I wasn't going to pass on it by virtue of its being plated as opposed to bare iron.

More views to follow.



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 **Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #1** - Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:25am

Here's the inside "before".



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 **Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #2** - Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:26am

The bottom "after".



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 **Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #3** - Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:27am

The interior "after".



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 **Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #4** - Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:28am

A profile view.



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 **Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #5** - Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:29am

The other side.



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**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #6** - Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:31am  
Edge wear pattern at 12 o'clock.



**Chuck Rogers**  
WAGS member  
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Posts: 8632

**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #7** - Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 1:41am  
Very nice early Wagner. The nickel is in excellent condition. Don't see them with the nickel that nice. Good find Terry

**C. Perry Rapier**  
WAGS member  
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Posts: 23581

**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #8** - Sep 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 11:37pm  
That's a nice find Terry. And you did an excellent job cleaning that piece. Those very early Wagners like that are some of my most favorite Wagner pieces. When I see one out in the real world, I always pick it up and check it out. Thanks for posting this. 😊

**Terry Wharton**  
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**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #9** - Sep 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 2:46am  
Thanks Chuck.  
When first viewed at some distance this pan looked to be missing a decent bit of its plating, but upon closer scrutiny it appeared to mostly just have the typical crud (at least that's what I was hoping!).

What I was most concerned about was the possibility of some thermal discoloration on the bottom and was surprised that it cleaned up as well as it did.

Thanks Perry.  
It's easy to see why these thin-walled pieces are among your all-time favorite Wagners.

And the lye bath did all the work . . . all I had to do was to try not to pester it (too much) . . . I believe I've heard you allude to this.

**Janis Berzins**  
WAGS member  
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Posts: 870

**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #10** - Sep 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 10:48am  
Did you do the vinegar bath as well?  
Looks nice

**Rick Gilley**  
WAGS member  
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Posts: 3649

**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #11** - Sep 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 11:14am  
Good job on that Wagner Terry...I have one like it but my nickle ain't worth a penny on mine.

**Terry Wharton**  
WAGS member  
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Posts: 275

**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #12** - Sep 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 2:31am  
Thanks Janis.  
It only needed the lye bath and I used a plastic scrubbie, rather than a SS one, for fear of marking the plating.

Thanks Rick.  
Don't these really feel elegant in the hand? The same weekend that I found this piece I stumbled upon a #8 Sidney Hollow Ware that's missing much of it's plating but it's even thinner and lighter than the Wagner. They could possibly end up keeping one another company.

**Trevor Lawrence**

Posts: 265

**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #13** - Sep 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 3:23am  
Looks Great!

**Thomas Oen**  
WAGS member  
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Posts: 524

**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #14** - Sep 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:52am  
Morning Terry, Terry you have seen and I think you have pics of the plated #3 and #6 Indian I hae. Would they clean up in lye without damaging them? Or is there another method? I have never tried to clean them. Tom

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**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #15** - Sep 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 11:52am  
Thanks much Trevor!

Hi Tom:  
I'll have to yield to the cleaning and restoration pros, but from what I've read on the forum the lye method is completely safe for nickel as well as for all of the subsequent plating processes.

Folks have also mentioned that electro may remove any plating that is already partially separated from the iron, but that the intact finish is otherwise safe.

**Ed Allspaugh**  
WAGS member  
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Posts: 3365

**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #16** - Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 9:41am  
Looks nice Terry, so nice in fact I had to dig out a stylized WW #11 plated skillet and get started cleaning it. lol.. Should have it done today.

You didn't happen to get that #8 skillet at Swappers Day did you??



**C. B. Williams**  
Forum Administrator  
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**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #17** - Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 10:37am  
Those nickel pieces in good shape are very hard to find. Here is my only nickel piece, it is in the WAGS eye candy.

[http://www.wag-society.org/IC\\_10/Previous\\_20Eye\\_20Candy/index.html](http://www.wag-society.org/IC_10/Previous_20Eye_20Candy/index.html)

Oops, just checked and the link is to the whole section, you have to scroll down a few pics. to see it. Just click on the pics. and they change.

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**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #18** - Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 3:21pm  
Hello C.B. We used to have names on the Eye Candy pictures, what belongs to who, etc. But I think the piece that is yours, that you are talking about here, is the number 8 Griswold Chickern Fryer with lid and original sticker. And I don't know, I'm just asking, but it looks like it is chrome rather than nickel plated. Nickel is not as shiny as chrome and this looks very shiny like chrome. Just some thoughts here. Thanks for giving me an excuse to go back through the Eye Candy section. 😊

**Ed Allspaugh**  
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**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #19** - Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 9:31pm  
My mistake this piece is an arched "WAGNER" Sidney O. Plating in good shape for all the use it has seen over the years.



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**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #20** - Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 11:09pm

Hi CB.

How did you ever happen onto that pristine fryer, and was it still in-the-box?!

"Good shape" would be a gross understatement.

Thanks Ed.

Wow - that's a beautiful WAGNER SIDNEY O - and an "11" to boot! You really brought it back.

Wonder if all that caked on stuff served to preserve the plating.

Lye? Electro? SS scrubber?

How long have you been sitting on this one . . . ?

No, I didn't get the #8 at Swappers' Day. It was at one of those indoor malls and was the sole piece of CI in that particular stall (\$18.00).

**Ed Allspaugh**  
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**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #21** - Sep 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, 8:20am

Hi Terry. I think the crust build up helped preserve the plating.

Ran it thru the electro for 90 minutes, most of the crud flaked right off. Tough area were the spots on both sides of the reinforcing rib at skillet wall. It was late so I tossed it in the lye soup overnight, and used a fine scotch brite pad and steel wool to finish the job.

Well I did not forget about it, but it's been in the garage for about eight months or so. 😊 Thanks for postin your skillet, that gave me a jump start on this one. 😊

There was quite a bit of iron at Swappers Day this year.

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**Re: An Early Nickel-Plated Wagner**

**Reply #22** - Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, 1:55am

You're welcome, Ed.

Everyone's before/after views keep me gravitating to the crud-covered examples, and the risk of uncovering a crack is more than offset by the reward of saving pieces from an uncertain fate and reintroducing them to the kitchen.

Ninety minutes? There's an old beater of a Schumacher charger out here and I should someday get around to going electro . . . it's mostly a space consideration as nearly every operation on the shop floor engenders a reshuffling of myriad stuff. I have an arc-logo #9 WAPAK that's been in the lye bath for a week and there's still a stubborn patch of old seasoning on the cooking surface. I can't help wondering how much the electro might speed things up.

Thanks for the scotch brite & steel wool info re: nickel.