


CLASSIC DRIVER



1949 Ford V8

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| Lot sold | USD 8 214 - 13 690 GBP 6 000 - 10 000 (listed) | Lenkung | Links |
| Baujahr | 1949 | Zustand | Gebraucht |
| Chassisnummer | 7208219 | Standort |  |
| Zahl der Sitze | 2 | Kraftstoff | Benzin |
| Antrieb | Zweirad | Außenfarbe | Sonstige |
| Losnummer | 623 | | |

Beschreibung

1949 Ford V8 Pilot Saloon

Registration no. ZV 91341 (Irish Registration)

Chassis no. 7208219

The Ford Motor Company had first essayed a V8 in 1932, with manufacture in the UK being taken up by Ford's new Dagenham factory which had opened the previous year. Here the V8 was produced in several variations as the 1930s progressed, the Ford Pilot's direct ancestor first appearing in 1937 in the form of the unique-to-the-UK Model 62, which deployed the 22 hp (2,227 cc) flat head motor in a short-wheelbase chassis. This 22 hp engine went on to be used in Bren gun carriers during the Second World War, and according to one source, Canadian war-surplus engines were used when the Model 62 was revived by Ford in England as the Pilot in 1947. Performance was dramatically improved when the 22 hp engine was replaced by a larger V8 of 3.6 litres which developed 81 horsepower, and in this form the Ford Model E71A Pilot became one of the more capable British family saloon cars of its day. Total production ran to 22,155 and most of these were fitted with four door saloon bodywork. A small number of 'Woodie' Estate Cars were also produced and some pick-up versions were made for export. In 1951 the Pilot was phased out to be replaced by the Zephyr Six and Consul models which featured much more contemporary streamlined styling.

This Ford V8 Pilot has been part of a large private collection since 2006. Like many cars of its era the car reflects post-war austerity with black bodywork and brown leather upholstery. The Pilot carries Irish registration ZV 91341 with an old style log book, and other documentation on file includes a letter from the Society of Automotive Historians dating the car as 1949 together with an original repair manual. With a declared mileage of 38,521 and never having been fully restored the car is now described as having excellent bodywork and paintwork with the interior being in very good original condition, and the engine, chassis, transmission and electrics all very good. This V8 Pilot represents a

great opportunity to add a fine original example of a characterful British Ford to your collection.

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