


CLASSIC DRIVER



1959 Porsche 356

Lot sold	USD 80 333 - 93 721 GBP 60 000 - 70 000 (listed)	Lenkung	Links
Baujahr	1959	Zustand	Gebraucht
Getriebe	Schaltgetriebe	Standort	
Chassisnummer	109721	Kraftstoff	Benzin
Zahl der Sitze	2	Außenfarbe	Sonstige
Antrieb	Zweirad	Automobiltyp	Sonstige
Losnummer	407	Motornummer	600976

Beschreibung

Originally sold in 1959 in left-hand drive by Porsche Car Pacific Inc. San Francisco. Finished in black with a red leather interior, this is the earlier T5 body. Full restoration by marque specialists Curves Bodywork of Essex ten years ago. Supplied with a history file documenting its restoration and supplied with a UK V5c. The 356 is acknowledged as Porsche's first venture into production and was a lightweight and nimble rear-engined, rear-wheel-drive, two-door sporting car available in hardtop coup and open configurations. Engineering and design innovations continued during the years of manufacture, contributing to its motorsports success and its popularity as a road car. The model was created by Ferdinand "Ferry" Porsche (son of Dr. Ing. Ferdinand Porsche, founder of the company), based on an original design by Porsche employee Erwin Komenda, and initially its mechanicals (including engine, suspension, and chassis) were derived from the basic Volkswagen Beetle, a product of his Father's fertile imagination. Porsche continued to develop and refine the 356 with a focus on performance, and by the late 1950s fewer parts were shared with its pedestrian cousin, and increasing success in competition and its availability worldwide resulted in the distinctive little car, in all its iterations, finding over 76,000 homes between 1948 and 1966. Today, the Porsche 356 is a highly regarded collector's car. According to its Porsche Certificate of Authenticity, the 356B T5 on

offer here was originally sold by Porsche Cars Pacific Inc. San Francisco, California in 1959 finished in Heron Grey with a red leatherette interior. Imported to the UK in 1976, much of its history is unknown until it became the subject of a full restoration by well-known marque specialist Curves Bodywork in Essex. Originally undertaken to showcase their work, with all that implies in terms of quality, the car has since been shown at various Porsche club meets, trips to the Le Mans Classic and Reims. During the restoration process, the body was taken back to bare metal revealing a good shell, the only replacement sections required being a front clip and the boot floor, before repainting in base black with clear coat. Photographs documenting the restoration do exist and will be available for any potential purchaser to view. At the same time, the running gear was completely dismantled, cleaned and media blasted, repainted, electroplated and refitted with new hardware and consumables as required. The red leatherette interior, believed to be surviving from an earlier restoration in the late 1970's, was in excellent condition and was reinstated without requiring attention, however, a completely new carpet set was fitted. All rubber seals were replaced throughout and all the brightwork was restored or replaced as appropriate. The original engine was fully stripped and rebuilt with replacement parts as deemed necessary including a full carburettor rebuild and all ancillary items stripped, painted, plated or replaced. Apart from a colour change to its current black, a front disc conversion and a 12V battery conversion the car remains completely standard. The current private owner has had much enjoyment from his little Porsche and is now ready to pass it on to another owner. At today's sensible estimate, this is a super opportunity.

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