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1937 Packard 115 C - Cabriolet Coachwork by Graber

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- Lot sold
USD 185 000 - 225 000
Year of manufacture 1937
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Drive** LHD
- **Interior colour** Other
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Convertible / Roadster
- **Exterior brand colour** Red
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Description

Packard Motor Car Company produced some of the most attractive factory coachwork of any company. As a result of this few Packards received custom bodywork. There are some notable custom bodies out there but even the famed Deitrich and LeBarons of 34 were still basically factory-styled cars. Packard liked to control the looks of their cars and when they did offer coachwork by other builders it was often to their own design or selection.

Things were a bit different in Europe. Tax laws and duties made imported cars prohibitively expensive. In certain countries if the car was imported as a chassis and equipped with European coachwork and accessories a significant portion of the duty could be avoided. Never a truly popular concept, a handful of American made it to Europe and received custom coachwork upon arrival.

This is the case with this handsome Packard. The junior series Packards had particular appeal abroad as their size was more appropriate for the road conditions.

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