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1932 Duesenberg Model J - Custom Speedster

Custom Speedster

- Lot sold
USD 400 000 - 600 000
Year of manufacture 1932
- **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** Yellow/Red
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Description

In the 1930's the Model J Duesenberg was a trophy accessible only to the wealthiest clients from the United States and Europe. Mostly sold by the factory as a bare chassis, the cars were clothed with bodies from the finest coachbuilders.

A decade after production of the mighty J ceased, they were perceived as large, heavy, gas-hungry relics of a bygone era. Many were lost to the scrap drives of World War II. Those that survived were perceived as dinosaurs which often changed hands for less than a thousand dollars.

The Model J's specifications, performance and reputation, however, made it attractive even to postwar owners given that its 265 horsepower was still a hundred more than a contemporary Cadillac or Oldsmobile V-8. It was an opportunity for early collectors to acquire examples at minimal expense. For others it was an interesting and powerful basis for modification.

The Duesenberg Model J chassis 2522, engine J-462 is an example of the creat

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