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1957 Porsche 356 Speedster - Speedster

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- Lot sold
USD 170 917 - 213 646
EUR 163 479 - 204 349 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1957
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Drive** RHD
- **Interior colour** Other
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Convertible / Roadster
- **Exterior brand colour** Black
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Description

Lot No: 307

Australian delivered, fully restored

1957 Porsche 356A Speedster

Registration no. BKO-61W (NSW expiry 12/8/11)

Chassis no. 84202

Engine no. 81453

Although Ferdinand Porsche had established his automotive design consultancy in the early 1930s, his name would not appear on a car until 1949. When it did, it graced one of the all-time great sports cars - the Porsche 356. A cabriolet followed hot on the heels of the original 356 coupé and then in 1952 a trial batch of 15 roadsters was constructed, their successful reception in the USA leading to the introduction of the stripped down Speedster model in 1954.

Instantly recognisable by virtue of its low, wraparound - as opposed to V-shaped - windscreen, smaller and entirely retractable hood, lower door waistline, horizontal trim strip at the level of the door handles, and twin bucket seats - all of which served to emphasise its sporting image - the Speedster was, in effect, an 'economy' model intended to compete with the cheaper Br

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