


CLASSIC DRIVER

1948 Delahaye 135 MS - 135M Bodywork by Pennock

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- Lot sold
USD 200 000 - 250 000
Year of manufacture 1948
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Interior type** Leather
- **Drive** RHD
- **Interior colour** Other
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Convertible / Roadster
- **Exterior brand colour** Dark Green
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Description

Chassis No.
800692

Estimate:

\$200,000-\$250,000 US

115 bhp, 3,557 cc overhead valve inline six-cylinder engine, Cotal four-speed electric preselector gearbox, independent transverse leaf spring front suspension, live rear axle with semi-elliptic leaf springs and four-wheel cable-operated mechanical drum brakes. Wheelbase: 116.1"

Launched at the 1935 Paris Salon, the Type 135 would prove to be Delahaye's mainstay for the rest of its lifetime. Historian David Burgess-Wise describes it as "the keystone of the survival plan which Delahaye, one of France's oldest car manufacturers, had drawn up to cope with the crisis-hit Thirties." In fact, it survived into the Forties and Fifties.

The 135 featured a new chassis, designed by engineer Jean-François, with welded box-section side members and pressed cross members welded to a ribbed floor. The engine was a 3,557 cc ohv six, as used in the

earlier Type 138, from which the transverse leaf spring independent front suspension was also carried over.

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