


# CLASSIC DRIVER

## 1958 Porsche 356 Speedster - 1600

1600

- Lot sold  
USD 137 516 - 143 767  
GBP 110 000 - 115 000 (listed)  
**Year of manufacture** 1958
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Interior type** Leather
- **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

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London SW1

Tuesday 1st December 2009

Registration Number: 128 XUX Chassis Number: 84748

By 1954, Porsche sales in the USA were suffering from the onslaught of MG, Austin Healey and Triumph, whose cars provided as much exhilaration for a lot less money. It was thus that coachbuilder Reutter penned a minimal shell based on the convertible 356, with low wrap-around windscreen, reduced frontal area and height, removable sidescreens, a lightweight hood and more basic interior. Selling at a competitive \$2,995, and available with 55/70bhp 1,488cc engine, the 100mph Speedster proved popular on road and track - weighing 150lb less than a standard 356, it was also quicker and in 1955 a Speedster won the SCCA's 1,500cc class; indeed, actor James Dean raced one. The same year saw the introduction of the 356A with

1,290cc or 1,582cc engines, the latter producing 60bhp/75bhp.  
Dating from 1958, the speedster offe

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