
1903 Cadillac Model A

Lot sold	USD 109 375 - 136 719 GBP 80 000 - 100 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1903	Condition	Used
Chassis number	1447	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	208	Engine number	1447

Description

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Numbered '1447', this outstanding early Cadillac is very likely one of those ordered at the 1903 New York Show and is unique in that it comes with three alternative bodies - two-seat runabout, four-seat tonneau and C-cab van - thus making it outstandingly versatile and eligible for a variety of prestigious events including both the London-to-Brighton Run for private cars and that for historic commercial vehicles. The Cadillac was restored by one of its previous owners, Charlie Moore, and in 1975 became the very first car to receive a CCA National Senior Award. A further measure of its quality may be gained from the fact that '1447' was used as a display vehicle by the Automobile Association of America during its 100th anniversary celebrations in 2002. We are advised that marque specialist Mr Greg Tockett has stated that it is one of the most accurate and certainly one of the finest surviving 1903 Cadillacs.

Charlie Moore kept the restored Cadillac on display in his living room and eventually sold it to the respected collector John McMullen, who exhibited it at the prestigious Amelia Island Concours d'Élégance. It later passed to Vern Maleug of Vista, California and then in 1993 to Richard Anderson of Seattle, WA.

Every aspect of this car has been restored and the van body constructed using period pictures of 1903 bodies for guidance. Only two such bodies exist, the other being on a Cadillac that is commercial only. This car is the only Cadillac Model A that has all three bodies: runabout, tonneau and delivery van. The engine and transmission also have been restored and '1447' is finished in its original livery of black with dark red accents, complemented by a matching top and diamond tufted leather seats.

In 2007 the car passed into the ownership of UK-based collector, Michael Bradbrook. Further preparation was then carried out by N P Veteran Engineering Ltd and the Cadillac was entered in that year's London-to-Brighton Veteran Car Run and again in 2009. Presented in generally very good condition, this unique early Cadillac is offered with Society of Automotive Historians and Science Museum dating documentation; old State of Washington Certificate of Title; London-to-Brighton programmes (x2); copies of historical and technical literature; and UK V5C registration document.

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