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## 1936 Peugeot 402 - 402 Éclipse

402 Éclipse

Lot sold	<b>USD 0</b> EUR 0 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1936	Interior colour	Other
Chassis number	616372	Condition	Used
Lot number	184	Location	
		Fuel type	Other
		Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

### Description

French title

- One of 29 examples listed
- Retractable hardtop ahead of its time
- High quality restoration

The body of the 402 was a six-window limousine, available in several forms, including the celebrated Eclipse. While offering a hard top for strength and insulation, the Éclipse could turn itself into a convertible with ease.

The Peugeot 402 Éclipse on offer was delivered to its first owner in 1936. According to the registration documents, it appears that he kept the car until 1968. Between 1968 and 1971, the car was registered in Finistère with the number 512 PZ 29. On 26 July 1971, it passed into the hands of a Mr Bernard Bouet, from Nançay, in Sologne. He retained the car until the date of its most recent registration, 21 December 2006, when the previous owner, a German Citroën dealer, acquired it through the intermediary of a dealer. The car was then in 'barn find' condition, original and complete,

but in poor condition. The owner threw himself into restoring this rare find, using the considerable resources of his own workshops. The car was taken to bits and the bodywork was rebuilt and re-sprayed. The interior and the engine were also brought back to life, and today this car is presented in a beautifully restored condition. The judges at the 2012 Schloss Bensberg concours d'élégance in Germany made no mistake in awarding the car first in class. This is undoubtedly one of the most stunning Peugeot 402 Éclipses in circulation. It is ready to take to the road, win concours events and wow the crowds with its retractable hardtop that was so ahead of its time.

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