

# CLASSIC DRIVER

## 1958 Trabant P 60 - AWZ P70

AWZ P70

- Lot sold  
USD 1  
EUR 1 (listed)  
**Year of manufacture** 1958
- **Mileage** 18 600 km / 11 558 mi
- **Chassis number** 99298
- **Number of seats** 4
- **Number of doors** 2
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Lot number** 012
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- **Drive** LHD
- **Condition** Original condition
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Red
- **Car type** Coupé
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### Description

Predecessor of the AWZ P50 Trabant

Found after being hidden away for many years, a true garage-find

Well preserved in original condition, no missing parts, low mileage

Estimated value: 31 000 - 40 000 PLN

Model history

The car has a two-cylinder, two-stroke water-cooled 690 cc engine developing 22 BHP.

AWZ P70 was manufactured only for four years, from 1955 till 1959. It's the first car made in the German Democratic Republic with plastic bodywork, specifically a composite called Duroplast. The P70 is a direct predecessor of the Trabant. P70 was designed to be a disposable product. Only few of them have survived to this day. The reason for that is its unusual structure, combining wooden frame with body made of the aforementioned Duroplast. Body frame was made from beech wood, while

the floor was made from plywood. Unique structure of the P70, known in Poland under nickname of "Petka", was its biggest curse and the reason why only a handful of original examples remain in existence today.

#### Vehicle history

The car seen here is one of the last original AWZ P70's. Current owner of the car has found it in a stone masonry company in the city of Kielce, where it sat hidden away and preserved from external environmental factors for many years. That explains its extraordinarily low mileage of just 18 000 kilometres. Current owner of the car has had a number of maintenance and preservation tasks done. Those include replacement of the head gasket and vital fluids, as well as adjustment of the braking system. Inside, the new dashboard has been fitted. Under the bonnet, the engine received an auxiliary radiator, which improves usability in everyday driving. Small amount of original P70's on the market heavily influences collector value of this model.

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