
1961 Replica Porsche Spyder

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1961	Interior colour	Red
Gearbox	Manual	Condition	Used
Chassis number	3672697	Location	
Lot number	363	Exterior colour	Silver
		Car type	Other
		Engine number	1375987
		Exterior brand colour	Silver
		Interior brand colour	red

Description

In 1957, Porsche decided that their 550 Spyder had reached 100% of its competition potential and quickly developed its successor, the 718 RSK Spyder which was built primarily as a racing machine between 1957 and 1962. The 718 RSK (the RS stands for RennSport and the 'K' refers to the shape of the new front frame) became known as the 'Silver Bullets' and were powered by a 1.5-litre, quad-cam engine that generated around 142bhp, which may not sound much nowadays, but the 718 weighed practically nothing so these were quick little cars! The works cars were world-beaters in the hands of Moss, Hill, von Trips, Behra and Gurney and the original cars are now very rare and extremely expensive. It's sporting looks and simple construction made it an ideal candidate for several low volume special builders to produce 'replicas' since a very smart body could be mated with the chassis and running gear from the relatively humble but plentiful VW Beetle. The result is a sensibly priced, surprisingly rapid and very nimble little 'Silver Bullet'!

Offered here is a 718 RSK Spyder replica based on a 1961 Volkswagen Beetle with the V5c declaring the engine to be a 1200cc unit from the donor vehicle. It was driven to the storage unit where it has remained for a number of years but sadly has been neglected since. The bodyshell, being glass fibre, has remained in sound condition however the interior and engine bay are in need of some serious

elbow grease and tlc. The seats and Luke 4-point harnesses are dirty but there are no rips or tears and will clean up well. This car is supplied with a hood, a jack and a UK V5c bearing registration '245 BXT'.

This may well be the perfect candidate for a full restoration, resulting in a cracking little fifties 'Sports Racer' providing endless affordable fun this summer!

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