
1948 Chrysler Town & Country - Convertible

Convertible

Estimate	USD 140 000 - 160 000	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1948	Interior colour	Other
Chassis number	7406717	Condition	Used
Lot number	484	Location	
		Fuel type	Petrol
		Exterior colour	Other

Description

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The Chrysler Town & Country was introduced in 1941, but it was originally conceived in 1939 by Dave Wallace, who envisioned a wood-bodied car with the same basic lines as Chrysler's steel-bodied models, yet one that also had greater refinement, quality, and panache and a level of artistry that recalled a bygone era. In fact, its ash and mahogany-framed body, which was hand-built with techniques more closely associated with fine wooden boat construction, projected an image of affluence and leisure that increased traffic at Chrysler dealerships nationwide.

For 1946, the convertible coupe variant was introduced, replacing the more utilitarian four-door station wagon. Cosmetically, very little changed between 1946 and 1948, but plans were laid for the launch of the restyled 1949 models. For 1948, the Town and Country Convertible was based on the upscale New Yorker series, yet it offered a wide variety of luxurious appointments in addition to the New Yorker's many standard features. With a starting price of \$3,420, the Town & Country Convertible was the most expensive Chrysler model available. While about 8,400 examples were

built in 1948, the number surviving today is far less in quantity, and they remain highly sought after by collectors to this day.

Finished with correct Code 3 Newport Blue exterior and complemented with lush tan leather and tan broadcloth interior for a rich period style; the car weighs in at 4,332 pounds from the factory, and takes full advantage of the beefy cast iron inline eight-cylinder 323.5-cid engine offering all of 135 horsepower. The engine compartment for this convertible is nicely presented; this impressive powerplant is hooked to Chrysler's efficient Fluid Drive transmission, adding to the pleasure of touring.

This dashing 1948 Town & Country Convertible received a frame-off restoration that was executed to a high level of quality. The body color richly accents the handsome wood elements of the exterior structure which is further adorned with dual spotlights, twin sideview mirrors, radio, heater, optional clock, optional center front bumper guard, power-operated top, factory wheel covers and BFGoodrich Silvertown whitewall tires.

Today, the 1946 to 1950 Chrysler Town and Country models are highly prized by astute collectors. This 1948 Town and Country Convertible is beautifully finished and results in a fine opportunity for the interested collector to acquire one of the most attractive and luxurious wood-bodied automobiles ever produced.

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