


# CLASSIC DRIVER

## 1955 Porsche 356

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|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lot sold            | <b>USD 460 484 - 630 136</b><br>EUR 380 000 - 520 000 (listed) | Drive           | LHD                                                                                 |
| Year of manufacture | 1955                                                           | Condition       | Restored                                                                            |
| Country VAT         | FR                                                             | Location        |  |
| Number of seats     | 2                                                              | Fuel type       | Petrol                                                                              |
| Drivetrain          | 2wd                                                            | Exterior colour | Grey                                                                                |
| Lot number          | 18                                                             | Car type        | Other                                                                               |

### Description

French title  
Chassis n° 80994  
Engine n° 60100

- Very rare Pre-A model with its original 1600cc engine.
- Superb, meticulous restoration
- Immaculate presentation
- Matching numbers, Porsche certificate

According to the certificate issued by Porsche France in 2012, this car was delivered to the United States new in October 1955, equipped with a type 616/1 1600cc 60 bhp engine. It was presented in white with red leatherette interior. The car spent the first part of its life on the west coast of America, in the hands of probably just two or three owners until May 1998. This was the date that the car appeared in the Porsche Club of America magazine "The Nugget", in a small ad describing it as an "older restoration of a Californian car, no accident damage or corrosion". A certain Tom Duffy from Los Gatos in California took it on. He entrusted it to specialist Andy Anderson who embarked on a full and thorough restoration between 1999 and 2001. A collection of notes and invoices in the file demonstrates the level of care taken in work carried out on the body, interior and mechanics. The doors and lids, numbered "994" (the last three digits of the chassis number), were conserved. In fact a large number of the original parts were kept during the restoration, including for example, the starter button, characteristic indicator rod, rear plate with "Hella" logo and the typical Pre-A square door handles. The wiring was completely restored, as well as the carpets, the hood and the leather seats.

The car stayed in the US until 2009 when it was sent to England by its owner. There is an English MOT certificate dated June 2009 in the file. At the end of 2009, the current owner fell for this immaculate Pre-A. He has carefully preserved the car's condition and it has been maintained regularly at a Porsche Centre. He has also had a fuel-pump starter fitted to help start the car after periods of not being used. Since being restored, the car has covered some 4,000 km. In addition to a file of invoices, the car comes with a Porsche 356 Speedster driver's manual, a Porsche 356 catalogue, toolkit, rare original Vogot jack and its side windows.

With its Type 616-1 engine, very rare on the last Pre-As, this meticulously restored Speedster will make a Porsche enthusiast very happy. With its beautifully simple shape and sporty personality, the car was an instant hit when launched. The symbol of a carefree era, it continues to have huge appeal today.

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