

CLASSIC DRIVER

1949 Hotchkiss 686

Lot sold	USD 35 010 - 58 350 EUR 30 000 - 50 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1949	Condition	Restored
Number of seats	2	Location	
Drivetrain	2wd	Fuel type	Petrol
Lot number	48	Exterior colour	Black
		Car type	Other

Description

French title

Chassis # 85472

Engine n° 12463

- In the same family since the 1950's!
- High quality restoration
- Still in running-in period
- â€” 114 000 of restoration !
- No reserve

Launched at the Paris Motor Show in October 1948, the Hotchkiss 686 S49 featured the classic inline 6-cylinder 3.5L engine. The version with four doors and four seats was badged "Gascogne".

The car on offer is exceptional in more ways than one: it was acquired by the grandparents of the current owners in the early 1950s and never left the family since.

Pictures taken during the 1950s show the son of the family, on leave, proudly posing with this beautiful automobile. It was the latter who undertook in 2010 a comprehensive restoration without any consideration of costs respecting the original configuration. The result of this high quality restoration is exceptional, absolutely everything has been redone or checked, from the chassis, through mechanicals, upholstery, bodywork and electrical elements. The total work amounts to over â€” 114,000! A drive with the restorer revealed a state of drivability that reflects the level of expenses. This is certainly one of the finest examples and its continuous history is just another argument for a true enthusiast who is aware of the time and energy spent to restore a car to such a level.

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