


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1949 Dodge Wayfarer

Lot sold	<b>USD 33 339 - 38 896</b> GBP 24 000 - 28 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1949	Condition	Used
Mileage	63 995 mi / 102 990 km	Location	
Gearbox	Manual	Fuel type	Petrol
Chassis number	37039364	Exterior colour	Other
Number of seats	2	Car type	Other
Number of doors	2	Engine number	Not Known
Drivetrain	2wd		
Lot number	54988		

### Description

Low-cost two-seat Roadsters were plentiful and popular on the American market in the `20s, but somehow fell out of favour. So, in an attempt to spice up an otherwise rather lacklustre line-up 20 years later, Dodge hit upon the idea of turning the clock back and including a basic Roadster within its new 1949 Wayfarer range, that also comprised a two-door Saloon and Business Coupe and, of 63,816 Wayfarers sold that year, 5,420 were Roadsters. The emphasis was on fun and affordability, so the specification included a single bench-type front seat and relatively rudimentary hood. Power was provided by an L head straight-six engine of 3.8-litres. Those lower than hoped-for first year sales were put down to the post-war public requiring more creature comforts than their predecessors, so for 1950 the Roadster was slightly up-specced and renamed the Sportabout. As the required targets were still not met, the model had been dropped from the range by 1952, but there is no

doubt its initial inclusion had created some much-needed interest in the otherwise rather tired Dodge brand and, as is so often the way (think MG C for example) the Roadster, the model that never quite took off in period, is now the most sought after of the Wayfarer family.

The delightful 1949 example now offered was imported into the UK from Canada, where it had been a multiple trophy winner. It is understood to have been fully restored in 2011, work that included the fitment of new glass throughout and a fresh interior. The Dodge is presented in Aircruiser Red allied to Beige upholstery and the vendor these days classes the bodywork, paintwork, interior trim, engine and manual three-speed transmission as all being in 'Excellent' order. He says it 'runs and drives very well' and is selling the car with MOT into June 2018.

PLEASE NOTE: All estimates are subject to a buyer's premium of 15% incl. VAT (@ 20%)

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