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1959 Porsche 356

- Lot sold
USD 0
- **Year of manufacture** 1959
- **Lot number** 174
- **Drive** LHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

The 356 A Convertible D combined the Speedster's low-slung body and chassis with a taller windshield, roll-up glass side windows, and a tidier fit for its convertible top. Produced for just one year, the Convertible D is among the rarest 356 models made, with just 1,331 units built in 1958-1959.

This striking Convertible D was purchased by the consignor in the early 1980s as a solid, matching-numbers 56,291-mile example. The consignor then stored the car for nearly 30 years before embarking on a ground-up, concours-level restoration that was recently finished. Body and paint were completed in the Porsche's original shade of Ivory by Rapid Line Industries, while the engine and other mechanicals were carefully rebuilt by Kurt Hipke. The interior was re-trimmed in black leather and a new convertible top installed by Wayne Buchanan. Chassis 86018 was found to retain its original body panels, as demonstrated by stampings of the numeral 18 that were found on each during restoration. All work was completed with care and every attempt was made to utilize original parts where possible, with outstanding results.

Given its beautiful condition and versatile sport/GT leanings, this rare 356 A Convertible D is a fantastic opportunity for even the most discerning enthusiasts to add a rare and capable thoroughbred to their stable.

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