

# CLASSIC DRIVER

## 1937 Talbot BI 105 - Airline Saloon

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- Lot sold  
USD 24 328 - 36 492  
GBP 20 000 - 30 000 (listed)  
**Year of manufacture** 1937
- **Gearbox** Other
- **Chassis number** 4065
- **Number of seats** 2
- **Number of doors** 4
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Lot number** 55186
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
- **Engine number** 69
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### Description

- Stalled restoration with much work completed in the 1980s
- Engine overhaul by Arthur Archer c.30 years ago, rechroming done etc.
- Believed to include most parts to finish

Unveiled at the October 1935 London Motor Show, the BI 105 was arguably the last 105 variant to remain

true to designer Georges Roesch's engineering principles. Notably rigid and low-slung, the newcomer's chassis was reinforced by the use of a massive tubular cruciform brace and additional perforated channel sections to the inner face of its main side members. Equipped with all-round semi-elliptic leaf-spring suspension, Luvax adjustable dampers and large-diameter drum brakes, the BI 105 was powered by a free-revving 3-litre straight-six engine allied to Wilson pre-selector transmission. A rival to models from Alvis, Bentley and Lagonda, just 97 BI 105s are thought to have been made.

This fascinating project has been in the current ownership for the past eight years following its acquisition from Birmingham coachbuilder Jack Castle. The vendor has now reluctantly decided that family commitments will prevent him from lavishing the time and attention required to restore the car. We are informed that much work was carried out in the 1980s including an engine overhaul by Arthur Archer (never run since and free) and an overhaul of the pre-selector gearbox. The suspension and braking system were also attended to, whilst much of the brightwork has been rechromed. The vendor believes almost all parts needed accompany the car together with a Swansea V5C, two old buff logbooks and a history file containing two original handbooks and information from Archers. One of just a tiny handful of survivors, DLP 937 represents a rare opportunity for the discerning Talbot enthusiast.

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

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