
1949 Chrysler Town & Country - Town and Country Convertible

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Lot sold	USD 0	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1949	Condition	Used
Lot number	286	Location	
		Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

Description

- One of fewer than 1,000 produced
- Formerly part of The Thomas F. Derro Collection
- Well-kept restoration; wonderful presentation
- Special award winner at the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

The year 1949 marked Chrysler's 25th anniversary, and the firm introduced its all-new post-war models in March of that year. Included was an equally new Town and Country model that now featured an all-steel structure. This was the first "T&C" that did not include the white ash framing as part of the structure of the car. Chrysler claimed greater safety, durability, and ease of maintenance. Gone was the four-door sedan, and two models were offered: the convertible and a new two-door hardtop coupe (though none of the latter was produced). Just 993 convertible models were completed by year's end. Initially, Di-Noc mahogany panels accented the ash framing, but during the model run they were eliminated and the inset panels were now painted the same color as the body.

This 1949 Chrysler Town and Country was one of the last 50 examples produced. It is finished in its original color of Indian Maroon, with a maroon convertible top and chrome wire wheels. The interior is completed in red leather and tartan fabric and features a clock and radio. Fully restored in 1991, it was later enjoyed for several years by the well-known enthusiast Bruce Earlin of Milford, Pennsylvania, under whose ownership it won a special award at the Amelia Island Concours

d'Elegance in 2006. Fresh off the field, it was sold to Thomas F. Derro, where it was well preserved in his collection, with its paint, woodwork, and interior remaining in fine overall order and appearing nearly freshly done. The Chrysler was purchased in 2017 by the current owner, where it has remained as part of another well-regarded private collection.

One of fewer than 1,000 built, this Town and Country convertible is a lovely example of one of the most evocative and elegant automobiles of its era. It remains a staple classic, one that each discerning collection should have. To view this car and others currently consigned to this auction, please visit the RM website at [rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/am19](http://www.rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/am19).

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