


CLASSIC DRIVER



1956 VW T1 - Deluxe '23-Window' Microbus

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Lot sold	USD 0	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1956	Condition	Used
Lot number	308	Location	
		Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Other

Description

- Highly desirable, early 23-window Microbus
- Stunning original color scheme
- Recently completed no-expense-spared restoration

Early 23-window Microbuses are among the most sought-after Type 2 Volkswagens of all time. This rare 1956 nine-passenger Deluxe Microbus has been the subject of an intense, no-expense-spared, comprehensive restoration. Every nut and bolt on this stunning Samba was meticulously and professionally restored utilizing most of its original and correct Volkswagen parts. It was finished in its original and highly desirable color scheme of Chestnut Brown and Sealing Wax Red (L 53), just as it left the factory when new.

The basecoat/clearcoat has been professionally and painstakingly polished to mirror-glass perfection. The original taillights and reflectors have been restored along with the correct steel-pressed bumpers. The original and correct small Wolfsburg license-plate opening is still on the front. The exterior is complemented with a superb interior that features correct light brown upholstery with correct mohair headliner. Other interior details include original door handles, window cranks, and sliding rag handles. Desirable items added during the restoration are the Barndoor steering wheel, original ambulance fan, as well as a cleverly hidden, incredible-sounding high-quality sound system with Bluetooth. Front and rear safari windows have also been added.

The engine of this stunning Microbus has been significantly upgraded to 1,853 cc and produces

approximately 95 horsepower, enabling this vintage Volkswagen to comfortably cruise at 70 mph with ease. The engine was expertly rebuilt by respected marque specialist Painters Grinding in Denver, Colorado. Additionally, a Freeway Flyer from Benco has been fitted, and the entire undercarriage has been detailed.

Finished in its original color and equipped with an upgraded engine, this freshly restored Microbus is exceptional in every detail and ideal for weekend cruising with friends and family. To view this car and others currently consigned to this auction, please visit the RM website at rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/mo19.

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