

# CLASSIC DRIVER

## 1961 Porsche 356

- Lot sold  
USD 0  
GBP 0 (listed)  
**Year of manufacture** 1961
- **Mileage** 67 794 mi / 109 104 km
- **Lot number** 265
- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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### Description

"Introduced in 1948, the Porsche 356 set a new standard for small sports cars and proved adaptable to all forms of motor sport including circuit racing and rallying. In 1951, a works car finished first in the 1,100cc class at the Le Mans 24 Hour Race, thus beginning the marque's long and illustrious association with La Sarthe. Porsche subcontracted the cabriolet body construction to several different coachbuilders, the car presented here being the work of its close neighbour and collaborator, Reutter. Development saw the 356's original split windscreen replaced by a one-piece and a Porsche synchromesh gearbox adopted. 1955 marked the arrival of the restyled 356A, the newcomer being readily distinguished by its curved windscreen and 15, down from, 16 wheels. Launched in September 1959, the 356B represents significant advances in driveability and comfort over earlier 356 models, and is a pleasingly quick way to enjoy the traditional Porsche values of quality, reliability and mechanical robustness.

Delivered new to the USA and dispatched on 1st December 1961, this Reutter bodied 356 was treated to a bare-metal restoration circa 10 years ago, with panels and inner and outer chassis frames extensively restored. Various joints were protected with sealant and poly-primer, while Raptor Bedliner was applied to the under-side to ensure it stays in good order. Engine work was also completed including the replacement of differential sleeves, stabilising bar, backing plates, spindles, etc. The upholstery was retrimmed, and a new German WocheSlander wiring harness installed. Finished in its original colour combination of Ruby Red with black leatherette interior, this 356 is said to drive nicely. The gearbox is in good order and the upgraded Type 612/12 1600 Super engine pulls well. The body and paintwork are presented in very good order and show little sign of age since the restoration. Offered with a photographic record of the

respray, sundry invoices, Porsche Certificate of Authenticity, a NOVA, and a State of California Certificate of Title which was issued in September 2015."

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