
1959 Porsche Tractor

Lot sold	USD 16 916 - 28 193 EUR 15 000 - 25 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1959	Condition	Used
Country VAT	IT	Location	
Lot number	63	Exterior colour	Red
		Car type	Other

Description

- Restored.
- "In patina".
- Rare in Italy.
- Lights and accessories required for on road driving.
- Saottini Collection.

i: This lot is subject to VAT.

The model

In the 1930s, while he was creating what would become the immortal Volkswagen, Dr. Ferdinand Porsche began design work on a farm tractor with a low-cost air-cooled engine capable of running on the low-octane fuel of the time. It was nicknamed "Volkschlepper". According to the American Porsche-Diesel Tractor Registry, three different prototypes were built, with government endorsement. Drawing on the experience gained with the Beetle's air-cooled boxer engine, Dr. Porsche created a simple, robust, air-cooled diesel tractor with a hydraulically coupled transmission that was almost modular in concept. The war interrupted plans to put the new tractor into production. After the war, in Germany only the companies that had built tractors before and during the war were able to resume production and Porsche was not among them. The company agreed to license its designs to the German Allgaier GmbH and to an Austrian company, Hofherr Schrantz. In 1956, industrialist Mannesmann AG purchased the Porsche diesel engine production license and the Allgaier chassis designs, which incorporated multiple power take-offs and couplings. A new division called Porsche-

Diesel Motorenbau GmbH in Friedrichshafen am Bodensee started production in a new and modern factory, producing over 125,000 tractors of various displacements until the end of sales in 1963. In the two-cylinder "Standard" model, the power was transmitted to the transmission through a "turbo-hydraulic coupling", which eliminates the need to change each gear manually. There are power take-offs in the front, rear and middle of the vehicle, for connection to a wide range of agricultural implements. The Porsche-Diesel Standard 218, also known as the N 218, succeeded its predecessor, the Porsche-Diesel 208 in 1957; it was the third generation of the "Standard" series of tractors and was produced in four different variants. Its Porsche F 218 engine is a two-stroke, two-cylinder diesel unit, air-cooled, with injection into the combustion chamber and overhead valves. It had an aluminum base, a radial cooling fan, a wet sump lubrication system and an oil bath air filter. The crankshaft had three supports. Each piston had five piston rings. The in-line injection pump was manufactured by Bosch. In total, more than 12,000 218 standard tractors were produced from 1957 to 1963.

The tractor

The Porsche-Diesel Standard 218 tractor, chassis no. 4407 is a specimen from 1959. It comes from the Saottini Collection. It has been restored and repainted in its correct red color with primrose yellow wheels. The vehicle was registered new in the province of Padua and was re-registered in 1994, also in Italy, with the current Vicenza plates. It is equipped with lights and accessories necessary for road circulation. The tractor has been restored and is presented "in patina", preserved. The mechanical part is also in good maintenance condition. It should be noted that, recently and increasingly frequently, international Porsche Clubs have welcomed Porsche-Diesel tractors to their meetings, involving them in their activities and exhibitions.

State of the art

Restored, "in patina". Good condition.

Litterature

Documents

Italian registration and plates in order.

Eligibility

Porsche club events.

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