
1956 Piaggio Vespa

Price	USD 46 520 EUR 40 000 (listed)	Condition	Restored
Year of manufacture	1956	Location	
		Motorcycle type	Street
		Colour	Other

Description

Among the various variations and applications of the Vespa, this unusual TAP model (Truppe Aero Paracadutate) was born in the early 1950s. Studied by Piaggio as a military vehicle for the French army's parachute troops, it was equipped with 1 cannon (without recoil, 75 mm, produced in the USA and used by all Atlantic Pact troops), 6 ammunition, 2 fuel tanks and a small cart. A vehicle that, despite the weight of 115 kg, had a high maneuverability that made it perfect as a light tactical vehicle. This Vespa was parachuted directly on the battlefield: for this it is reinforced with a tubular bumper to absorb the impact of the landing. The Piaggio 150cc engine guaranteed excellent reliability and a range of 200km. It represents a real collector's item, with a production of only 600 pieces between 1956 and 1959 in two colors: mimetic sand and mimetic green. This perfectly preserved specimen is available in our showroom in Italy, Reggio Emilia.

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