
1951 Lancia Aprilia

Lot sold	USD 243 663 - 301 678 EUR 210 000 - 260 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1951	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	White
Lot number	45	Car type	Convertible / Roadster

Description

- Registered in 1951 in Alghero, Sardinia, it has the 1956 number plates of the Province of Naples. A splendid custom-built car created by Ghia on a tubular chassis designed and developed by Giovanni Basso, the Turin car designer who, in addition to patenting a number of systems ranging from lubrication to the twin-shaft cylinder head, dedicated himself to the construction of special tubular frames. These frames were developed by the most renowned coachbuilders of the time and successfully employed in the sports car sector, and presented at the most important competitions of elegance. This is the case of the model designed by Ghia, made entirely of aluminium and exhibited at the Concorso d #39 Eleganza of Villa d #39 Este in 1949. It is estimated that only three examples were made of this model, of which the car proposed in auction is one of them, and also the only one that never left Italy, as testified by the chronological extract, and possession of Lancia certification.
- Total restoration carried out between 2009 and 2010, documented by invoices and a photographic book, and supported by a long and careful work of research and analysis of documentation and photos of the time. This was indispensable for the reconstruction of the compromised sheet metal and details missing, like some of the interior details.
- Mechanically perfect, every component of the engine, gearbox, suspension and brake system was disassembled, checked and replaced where necessary. To some extent, the engine was prepared to make the car even more responsive and fast, as well as enjoyable, with the use of an Abarth intake manifold on which two carburettors are mounted.
- A masterpiece by Ghia, a splendid example of the golden age of Italian coachbuilders. Elegant and compact, the car is wonderful testimony to the genius of Giovanni Basso. Thanks to the his incredible

technical skills and intuition, he was able to develop innovative and futuristic projects, which have nothing to envy as regards those of the most famous and distinguished competitors of the time such as demonstrated by the numerous sporting successes of his cars. Thanks to its history and its amazing condition this custom-built model will undoubtedly be welcome in all the most important historic motoring events and the most prestigious competitions of elegance.

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