
1985 Peugeot 205

Lot sold	USD 192 916 - 226 960 EUR 170 000 - 200 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1985	Condition	Original condition
Country VAT	FR	Location	
Lot number	15	Exterior colour	White
		Car type	Coupé

Description

French registration papers

Chassis no. VF3741R76E5100192

- Rare 200-series 205 T16
- Ex Peugeot-Talbot Info Rallye
- In same ownership since 1985

In 1983, when Peugeot launched the 205, the carmaker was in financial trouble and its future was dependent on the success of this new model. In order to boost its image, Peugeot decided to go into motorsport with a model close to the 205. The 205 Turbo 16 was therefore developed to compete in the World Rally Championship, in the top Group B category. The regulations required that 200 production cars be built for the model to be homologated. Peugeot presented the "200-series" 205 Turbo 16 at the 1984 Geneva Motor Show. This pumped-up version of the 205 was characterized by its body finished in Magnum Grey with a red pinstripe, which was built by Heuliez. It was then assembled by Peugeot Talbot Sport in Boulogne and fitted with an XU 4-cylinder 1.8-litre engine equipped with a turbocharger, enabling it to produce 200bhp. With all-wheel drive, it was formidably effective. Some customers even opted for a PTS kit that boosted its maximum power to 300bhp, almost as much as the competition version. Inside, the T16 had its own special dashboard with a multitude of gauges, a two-spoke steering wheel with the Turbo 16 logo and drilled aluminium pedals. The backrests of the dual-colour bucket seats, upholstered in leather and cloth, featured an imposing lion like a warrior's coat-of-arms. In the end, 219 cars were built. Peugeot achieved its goal as the 205 Turbo 16 became one of the iconic cars in Group B, winning the championship in 1985 and

1986. The abolition of the category forced the T16 to retire early, but Peugeot successfully bounced back by entering the Paris-Dakar Rally.

The model we are presenting for sale is a 200-series 205 T16, first registered on 1 March 1985. The car was used at the time by Peugeot-Talbot Info Rallye. The purpose of this organisation was to provide information to spectators throughout the different rallies. The story began with the Tour Auto in 1983, when its staff obtained the finishing times for each stage and broadcast them from the information cars using loudspeakers. Working with the FFSA, the crews also had the job of making safety announcements to the public, indicating areas they should avoid. In 1985, the pool of cars comprised five Group N 205 GTIs and this 205 T16. The T16 could be identified by the row of flashing lights on the roof and long-range driving lights. Among other rallies, it took part in the Monte-Carlo Rally and the Tour de Corse.

On 1 October 1985, with about 8000km (5000 miles) on the clock, it was sold to the SAGG Peugeot Talbot garage in Roanne. Already the owner of two 205 T16s at the time, the director of the dealership set his sights on this car finished in pearl white with PTS stripes. It had originally been repainted by Peugeot-Talbot Info Rallye to resemble the competition 205 T16s. It was subsequently displayed in the dealer's showroom for many years. The owner was a member of the 205 Turbo 16 Club and the car took part in various meetings and events. With 39,500km (24,500 miles) now recorded, it remains in the same configuration as when it was purchased in 1985 and its interior is original. Mechanically, the car has always been maintained at the dealer's workshop.

With its remarkable history, this car bore witness to the greatest moments in the 205 Turbo 16's career in motorsport and is sure to appeal to collectors looking for cars with an unusual history.

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