


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1959 Panhard Arista Passy

Lot sold	<b>USD 6 032 - 12 064</b> EUR 5 000 - 10 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1959	Condition	Restored
Country VAT	FR	Location	
Lot number	77	Exterior colour	Blue
		Car type	Saloon

### Description

American registration papers

Chassis n° 107S

- The last of seven cars produced
- Restoration project
- Interesting history, only 5 cars remaining

During the 1950s, many craftsmen marketed cars designed in their workshops on the basis of production cars. Raymond Gaillard, Panhard dealer in Paris and owner of the Grand Garage Molière is one of them. It finances the small manufacturer Callista which markets a roadster based on Panhard Dyna. The arrival of the cheaper Panhard Junior in 1951 brought the Callista adventure to an end. Raymond Gaillard not being the type to give up, he founded the Arista brand in 1953. He thus relaunched the marketing of the Ranelagh roadster then renamed Le Mans. This roadster will serve as the basis for the Rallye coupé project exhibited at the 1953 Paris Motor Show. The Passy coupé succeeds it and will be unveiled at the 1954 Paris Motor Show. Made on the basis of the new Panhard Dyna Z, it has a fiber body. The coupe will undergo some modifications during 1956 in order to facilitate its production. It thus adopts a simplified grille, abandons all its chrome elements and bumpers are installed for homologation. In 1958, the coupe underwent a final evolution, its roof was raised to facilitate access to the rear seats. Unfortunately, due to too expensive selling price, Arista

Passy fails to seduce. Offered for sale until 1963, only 7 copies were sold. Manufacturer Arista will have produced a total of around 100 cars over ten years.

According to the brand's records, our copy is the last of the seven specimen produced. Put into circulation in 1959, it has the distinction of being sold new in California! It was found in Los Angeles by a collector, station manager at Air France, who took advantage of his travels to buy and repatriate cars to France. He bought the car in 1990 before selling it two years later to Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Still in American papers and complete, our copy has abandoned its original green tint for a metallic sand in the spirit of the times. Still equipped with its original interior, mechanics and accessories, this is the opportunity to restore one of the five surviving examples.

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