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1966 Citroen DS

- Lot sold
USD 0
- **Year of manufacture** 1966
- **Lot number** 52
- **Drive** LHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

This gorgeous 1966 Citroën DS21 Concorde is one of only 35 examples built by Chapron, and is one of just six from the second series, distinguished by the "finned" rear wing treatment. Build records show the Citroën was specially ordered by Monsieur Jean Lavail, who listed his address as the architectural firm CETAB in Versailles. The avant garde Citroën was an appropriately sophisticated motor car for a French architect.

This Concorde was specified with a host of luxury options, including power windows, leather trim, optional Jaeger instrument cluster, Radiomatic FM radio with automatic Hirschmann antenna, Marchal fog lamps, and Robergel wire wheels. The captivating Midnight Blue and Shell Gray livery it wears today are its original colors. Mr. Lavail's invoice totaled nearly 41,000 Francs, which would have been the equivalent of over \$8,000 US dollars, on par with the cost of a new Cadillac Series 75 Limousine.

It appears that the DS21 spent the majority of its life in France, with French registration papers showing it changed owners in 1985. According to one account, a professional Citroën mechanic purchased the car and gradually refurbished it, treating it to a light restoration. For the next 33 years, the owner enjoyed and cared for the Concorde, maintaining it in excellent condition and regularly driving it on the road. Today, this rare custom-bodied DS21 is ready for continued enjoyment at the hands of its next enthusiastic caretaker.

*Please note that this vehicle is titled 1965.

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