



DELAHAYE TYPE 135 MS

1949





A Nice Blue Car

For those interested in restoration, the Delahaye 135 MS in the Mullin Collection is a road map for experts and enthusiasts who want to know what a truly original Type 135 MS looks like.

This vehicle, Chassis 800727, is a remarkable, near-original example of Delahaye's Type 135 MS chassis and coachbuilder Henri Chapron's exquisite Art Deco coachwork.

The Delahaye Type 135 was produced in a variety of models prior to World War II.

After the war the sport version, Type 135 MS, resumed production from 1946 to 1952. The six-cylinder MS had three carburetors and was capable of 135 horsepower. Even in today's traffic, the extra horsepower of the Delahaye Type 135 MS engine makes driving this car a great motoring experience.

Chassis 800727 is a Chapron cabriolet with elegant postwar styling rooted in classic French lines. Henri Chapron called this his Vedette style: a cabriolet with covered rear wheels, chrome trim, and a top that



folds down into the coachwork and disappears. Having spent the majority of its life preserved as a show car or in a museum, this untouched example provides invaluable guidance for anyone who wishes to undertake the renovation of a Delahaye. The exterior paint remains the blue-gray combination chosen by Chapron, who called the color Nice blue, after the premier city on France's Côte d'Azur. The interior is original; the gauges are a slightly faded, and the knobs are worn, but everything works and has a comfortable feel. The seats are upholstered in blue and white leather with white piping, and the varnished wood frames surrounding the seatbacks match the trim on the doorsills and dashboard surround—each element combining to create a luxurious interior.

The entire car is a perfect example of the custom work at which Chapron excelled, and it has the kind of patina that collectors covet.



PROFILE

Coachbuilder	Chapron
Chassis number	800727
Profile type	Touring
Body type	Coupé
Acceleration	0
Top Speed	100

BODY | CHASSIS

Front brakes type	Servo assisted
Rear brakes type	Servo assisted
Front suspension type	Independent with transverse semielliptical springs, friction dampers and radius rods
Rear suspension type	Live axle with leaf springs and friction dampers
Length	16' 7"
Height (Ground line to highest roof)	4' 7"
Width	5' 9"
Wheelbase	9' 8"
Front tracks measurements	4' 6"
Rear tracks measurements	4' 10"

ENGINE

Number of cylinders	6
Engine layout	Longitudinal
Engine position	Front
Bore x stroke	80 mm x 107 mm
Displacement	3557
Distribution	Singel-overhead camshaft
BHP at 4000 RPM	130
Gearbox	Cotal electromagnetic
Number of gears	4
Overdrive	0



