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Year: 1948

Chassis no: 800874

Registration: 126JLB

Price: £525,000

### VEHICLE DETAILS

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / SERVICE HISTORY

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Owned by Prince Birabongse of Siam, the famed Racing driver. This Delahaye 135M comes to us with two large box files of history & photographs detailing the extensive works undertaken to it. In addition to a full engine out rebuild, the Cotal Automatic gear box has also been disassembled & brand new planetary gears fabricated etc. As a result the car is a pleasure to drive.

The car is finished in black with dark Mauve accents to the wings. To the interior is mauve leather with matching casrpets giving the vehicle a very striking appearance. Coachwork is by Pennock to a design penned by Chapron. It takes the form of a versatile three position drop head with seating for four in comfort. Spats fitted to the rear wheels accentuate the volumptuous lines of the car.

The engine is a sporty 3.6 litre six cylinder unit fed by triple solex carburettors. This gives the car tremendous performance, sitting somewhere between that of a Bugatti type 57 & a Derby Bentley but closer to the Bugatti end of the scale. The Cotal Electro-magnetic automatic gear box makes the car a delight to drive & is

seamless in its operation; similar in fact to a preselector 'box but without the pre select bit. After pulling away one simply flicks the miniscule H pattern gear switch to the appropriate gear & it instantly & smoothly engages. Make no mistake, this is a fast car with 100 mph attainable which is rare for a pre war car.

Rare & desirable, everything needing to be done has been done to this car leaving it in impeccable condition. It is the embodiment of the French "Grand Routier" and well suited to high speed continental touring with plenty of room for luggage. The coachwork is the epitome of 1930's elegance being somewhat flamboyant in appearance whilst also remaining sleek & sporty making it a real drivers car.

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