## 1937 BUGATTI TYPE 57 ATALANTE

## **ONLY Coupe**





CHASSIS NO. 57598 Aluminum Body

#### **Bullet Points:**

- A Bugatti Type 57 Atalante Coupe 1937,
- Only one Atalante Coupe was built out of the 10 Bugatti built and registered between 1937 and 1938.
- One of the 8 of all 1935-1938 built with full Aluminum body
- The most expensive of all Bugatti 's built in 1935-38 (Listed in Bugatti Trust for 97,000 Francs)
- Every single part, engine, and interior is completely original.
- The Atlante was ordered in Two Tone Red by Marcel Doret, an award-wining French pilot. This was the only atlante with this color combination produced. The original interior leather is in "Havana" color.
- A subsequent fastidious first owner of the Atalante who owned it for 17 years was Marcel Doret, a military hero pilot, airline pilot, raid pilot, and aerobatic pilot.
- Doret kept his Atalante until his death on 31 August 1955, in his mansion house in Vernet near Toulouse.
- Historic Proprietors:
  - 1938-1955 M. Marcel Doret
  - o 1955-1957 M. Louis Gimel
  - 1957-1984 M. Carlos Huberne
  - o 1984-2016 M. Mme Berg
- None of Atalante type of Bugatti exist in the UK.
- The Bugatti Atalante took part for the first time in an International Concours d'Elégance at Villa d'Este in 2018.
- She won the "Mention of Honor" Prize and the press photos were in the headlines
- A FIVA Pass with the history of the previous owners and a very rare original 17-page service handbook in very good condition.
- The history and provenance of this rare special 1937-1938 car is documented and will be provided in full upon genuine interest.
- A very special registration plate number

<u>All detailed documented history is available and will be provided upon request:</u>

• The following link is one of the Bugatti 1937 Atalante sold in Pebble Beach 2022.

https://www.goodingco.com/lot/1937-bugatti-type-57sc-atalante-1



# **General Information**

he Type 57 Bugatti was the final pre-War Bugatti road car in series production and represents the peak of the father-son design partnership between Ettore an Jean Bugatti. In 1935 came the dawn of a new era for the Bugatti marque with one of the most outstanding an desirable cars of all time : THE TYPE 57.

The chassis was unique to the model and retained the classic Bugatti front axle and quarter-elliptic rear springs. The worm-and-wheel steering was precise and accurate. The engine was a beautifully made gear-driven double-overhead-cam in-line eight, representing a conservative summation of all the vast Bugatti experiences with Grand Prix, sports and touring cars and was to form the basis of the Type 59 Grand Prix engine. The Type 57 was very much the brain child of Jean Bugatti, working together with senior Bugatti design engineers Pichetto and Domboy.

Ettore Bugatti himself during this mid 1930's period was focused on the railcar project for the French Government. Bugatti was able to offer its discerning clientele a car for all occasions, where a chassis could still be purchased and send to your coachbuilder a choice, or one of the factory- designed cars could be purchased, with the likes of the Galibier Conduite Intérieure (with 4 doors), Ventoux Coach (2 doors Coupé) and Stelvio Cabriolet.

In terms of the ultimate Luxury Coupé it is the Atalante with its striking Art Déco factory design that has become one of the iconic and most desirable models.

This particular car, the Bugatti **Type 57 Atalante Chassis no 57598 1938**, has preserved its thoroughbred purity for 83 years, having remained highly original by still retaining its original chassis, engine numbered **447**, all its mechanical components and – most importantly – its original **Atalante Coachwork no 2**4.

The production of Coupés Atalante 57 and 57C from 1935 – 1938

1935 10 cars produced1926 6 cars produced1937 6 cars produced1938 10 cars produced

ONLY 8 Aluminium & ONLY 1 Coupe 1937-38

During his life he was

- Test pilot with 6075 flight hours and developed 43 prototypes.
- As Raid Pilot he broke **18 Word records**.
- Aerobatic and War Pilot

The historian Pierre-Yves Laugier traced from his date of bird until his death all his life and all his exploits and **a multitude of world record in aviation** on a unique documentation with many historical photos in **85 pages**.

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### **BUGATTI TYPE 57 Coupé ATALANTE 1938 CHASSIS 57598 Moteur 447 Caisse N° 24**





The Bugatti Works Register indicates that the car is **painted in** « **duotone red** » **with** « **Havana** » **leather** interior



Before the purchase by Albert Wetz the Atalante was kept for a long period of time by the 4 previous owners. This explains the very rare and exceptional condition of the original « Havana leather » interior







To keep the original leather properly. The seats was restored by applying new springs and reinforcing the original Leather.



In addition, it was built in a new driver's seat to preserve the original leather while driving the car.





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