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**TYPE:** 57  
**CHASSIS NO:** 57252  
**ENGINE NO:** 195  
**PRODUCED (NO):** Nov 1934 (3)  
**INVOICE DATE:** 8/4/35  
**DELIVERY DATE:** 18.5.35  
**PRICE:** FF 67.840.-  
**INVOICED TO:** Monestier, Lyon  
**REG NO:** 5396 PF 6 (F)  
 17867 (B)  
**COACHWORK:** First *Grand Raid*  
 Later *Faux Cabriolet*  
 (Atalante)  
**OWNER:** Peter Rae (UK)

#### ACQUISITION:

**FORMER OWNERS:** Docime, Ben Saschoua, Michel Dovaz (F- 56), Jean De Dobbeleer (B, 56), Greenlee (USA 57), John North (79), Dixon, Jones, Artom (88 It),

**HISTORY:** Produced Nov 1934 with engine 195, (no 3), with mention of *Grand Raid*. In the Carrosseriebook a *Usine Faux Cabriolet*, the first description for the Atalante body style is mentioned so it seems the GR body was only on it for a short period.. Sold to the Lyonese agent Monestier on May 18, 1935 for FF 67.840.- Barry Price writes this was the 1935 Salon de l'Automobile car as a *Bureau top Atalante*<sup>1</sup> but that was Bugatti 57330. Pierre Yves Laugier identified it as a closed Atalante with plates 5396-PF6 and separate headlamps<sup>2</sup>. Ben Saschoua, a trader in the XIIth arrondissement in Paris sold it to Michel Dovaz. Jean De Dobbeleer bought it from him in 1956 when it had integral headlamps (a later conversion to 'modernize' the car). He sold it to Greenlee in 1957. In NA1 mentioned as an Atalante with the correct engine number 195, and mentioned that a previous French owner would have been Docime in Paris, now owned by John North, Easton, Maryland but without picture<sup>3</sup>. Also mentioned in NA-2 with owners Dixon and Jones but further untraced, again without picture<sup>4</sup>. In NA-3 mentioned it had gone to Italy and owned by Artom<sup>5</sup>. Exhibited in Ferrara around 1988. The car was sold to Peter Rae in the United Kingdom. Non-original rear axle; hydraulic brakes.

#### References:

<sup>1</sup> Price B *Bugatti 57* Ind print 2003: 64

<sup>2</sup> Laugier PY *The Bugatti 57S*.

<sup>3</sup> Rheault A, *American Bugatti Register* 1979: 102

<sup>4</sup> Rheault A *American Bugatti Register* 1988: 166

<sup>5</sup> Leith S, *American Bugatti Register* 2003: 302



Earliest known picture (Photo Pierre Yves Laugier)



With De Dobbeleer a closed Atalante with integral headlamps (Photo Leda De Dobbeleer)



Exhibited in Ferrara around 1988. (Photo Julius Kruta)

In the Carrosseriebook a *Usine Fx cabriolet*. The EB Oderbook mentions a price of Frs 67.840.-

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