

8 R. Labbé 701 312 175 x F. cab. 24.5.35

TYPE: 57
CHASSIS NO: 57312
ENGINE NO: 175
PRODUCED (NO): May 1935 (8)
ORDER DATE: -
PROMISED DATE: -
DELIVERY DATE: 24.5.35
PRICE: FF 71.530.-
INVOICED TO: Robert Labbé, Gorcy
REG NO: 8822 E (B),
19 EB 35 (imagin.) (NL),
DG- 01-JZ (NL),
COACHWORK: Faux Cabriolet (Atalante),
Then cabriolet
Now Atalante again

OWNER: undisclosed
ACQUISITION: 2007
FORMER OWNERS: Robert Labbé (1935),
Laenier (1936), Rob Mellaart

HISTORY: Produced with engine 175 in May 1935 originally as a Faux Cabriolet (Atalante) made for and delivered straight to customer Robert Labbé in Gorcy, close to the Belgian border. The car had a disproportionate top, probably at the request of the customer. However in the Livre des reparations from Seyfried engine 175 is already mentioned with a repair in February 13, 1935: *Verifiee engrenayes AC et resorts de soupapes*. Labbé returned the car on March 23, 1936 in exchange for the Ventoux 57400 and extra payment of Frs 15.000.- The car was already sold on March 8, 1936 via the showroom at the Avenue Montaigne in Paris to second owner Laenier for Frs 47.500.-. Nothing is known afterwards. It was bought in the sixties by the Dutchman Rob Mellaart who built a cabriolet body characterized by a disproportionately long engine hood, which was considered an attractive feature by some people in those days. For this he used an original cabriolet body from a type 55 and lengthened the front end.

Bought by new owner in 2007. The car is at present being restored by Hero Alting. The Mellaart body has been taken off and it will have an original Atalante shape again.



Original Atalante body for Robert Labbé (Photo Bernard Simon)



An original type 55 body was used for this car (Photo Ronald van Ramshorst)



At the spring 1979 Meeting of the BCN (Photo Dick Ploeg)

From the EB Orderbook and the Carrosseriebook

References: none

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