

1916 Willys Overland Touring car

1) What is the exact type and specification of the car? Any specific version, equipment, etc?

It's a model 86, serial no. 986. On the brass plate on the gas tank it says "model 86 T.L.A. I don't know the meaning of these letters?"

It's a 125" wheelbase, 7 seater, with 2 folding seats. Its special with the gearbox in combination with the differential in the back, to improve weight balance.

2) Do you have some other photos? Including interior, engine, details?

Yes, I will send you several mails with pictures without text

3) Do you have some track record concerning history of the car? Documentation, Invoices, Log book, registration, etc? Or at least some information about the history of this car, previous owners, locations, etc?

The car comes with the American title issued 13th oct. 1992, just 2 days before the previous owner bought it.

American owner was Robert Erdelyi, 9110 Rocker, Plymouth, Michigan, the previous owner was Jørn Østergaard an old friend of mine, who imported the car to Denmark in 1992. Unfortunately he died in 2007, and I bought the car from the widow, Marianne, after an external valuation has been set.. From 1992 to present, it has been stored in dry, heated garage, and engine has been turned frequently.

4) Do you have some spares? There are a few extra parts, a camshaft and a tail light., and 1 new tyre still wrapped in

5) What do you consider as the main pros and cons of potential restoration?

Pros: The car is 99,9 % complete, meaning original, so even if a few bits are missing, its not a sourcing problem, and if something has to be remanufactured, the original part is present as a model. There is no heavy corrosion, so probably no welding needed, keeping the car very original. The bows for the top is supplied with the car as new ones, the original is on the car, so the usual problem finding someone who can bent the bows is solved.

Cons will be the availability of spares.

6) Is the car complete or are there some parts missing? Or heavily damaged?

A far as I can see, there are missing a top rail for left front door and rear right door, it's made of steel plate so relative easy to remanufacture. The door knobs are missing. The left lens for headlight is cracked, but the right one is complete, and it's a standard lens for the time, I had been in contact with an American collector, that can deliver original ones. No damage as I can see.

7) Do you have some information when the car was operated last time?

I know the previous owner had it started around 2000, we talked about it at that time, as I know there was an issue with the vacuum pump for gasoline, it was leaking because of old gaskets, so he put a bottle on instead.

8) What is the expected weight, length, width and height of the car (In case of sale I expect to transport It to Prague on the car trailer)

Its around 2 tons, the height with folded top is 1900 mm, length is 4400 mm, and width is 1750 mm. Height can be reduced to appr. 1600 mm folding the upper part of the frontscreen.

9) Is the car rolling?

Yes!

10) Is the engine running or at least loose? Aren't there any cracks from ice or something like that?

Engine is loose, it's turned frequently and has a special conservation oil in the sump. As the engine is fitted with small valves at the top, it's possible to put a few drops of oil onto the top of the pistons, so also piston, its rings and cylinder walls is protected. No visible cracks, and it seems that the compression is OK. By the way, it's a "cast en bloc" 6 cylinders, meaning no separate head.

11) Is the gearbox working? Does it shift?

The shift mechanism seems to work OK, and its engaging, both in forward and reverse.

12) Does the steering work?

Yes!

13) Does the car brake?

Sort off...but efficiency is not good.

14) Are there all instruments in the interior or is something missing or damaged? Or not original?

All is present and original, even the little column of switches on the steering column. All wiring also looks original.

15) What is the condition and style of upholstery?

All have to be renewed, but all seems to be present, as use for modelling. The front seat cushion is not correct for the car, but delivered as an item for adaption. The inside of the doors is present, with the original pockets.

16) How is the quality of the wooden rims? And generally wooden elements of the body?

The wooden rim is in very fine state, no rocking or anything loose, and no signs of termites or rot, all dry and solid. Tires are old, but tight tubes, I only had inflated once in 10 years, because I turned the car. The cars sit on stands, to protect bearings and tires. Other wooden elements also look fine.

17) Are there any modernizations? Like electro, adjustment of the body, mechanical etc.

No mods at all.

18) and the last but not least: You ask £13500 or near offer - I respect It as a general indication. However before I will be able to discuss with you the price, I need to know exactly what is the subject of the deal. I suppose you are the collector as well and you understand that it is very important to asses the state of the car first.

Fully understandable, asking price is basicly what I paid 10 years ago.