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Lancia Aprilia

1938

Gallery

Few prewar saloons are as elegant as the Lancia Aprilia is. Don't you agree? I remember being intrigued some years ago participating at a classic car rallye in Italy by the swift elegance of a medium sized saloon driving with a lot of 'panache' in front of my car. Once I discovered it was Lancia Aprilia, I was lost and decided I had to have one. Connoisseurs know Lancia has produced over the years some exceptional cars being ahead of their competitor car manufacturers. Everyone will agree on the Lambda, the Aurelia was also a forerunner, but evenso the Aprilia certainly belongs to the series of masterpieces. Judge for yourself: Monocoque construction, full independant suspension front and rear, hydraulic brakes all round, compact narrow V4 aluminium engine. Globally very advanced technology for these prewar years. Also the styling is impressive: the aerodynamic bodyshape, of which the egg-shape is neatly underlined by the long central fin starting on the roof behind the windscreen and ending at the bottom of the triangular bootlid, obtained in those years a cx peneration coefficient many recent car models would be jealous off. Easy access to a surprisingly roomy cabin through a pillarless door aperture system. Clearly the last car Vincenzo Lancia designed in his life was an exceptional one! This particular model is an original Belgian car with ancient Belgian registration documents to prove so. This Aprilia resided for many years in the collection of a well known Lancia dealer and specialist. He prepared this Aprilia to obtain best performance and road behaviour. The correct series I engine (N°: 97 N*5172*) was upgraded with special inlet manifold allowing a twin Zenith carburettor set enabeling a much better power output. Additionally the engine was very recently completely overhauled and is in fact still running-in. Registered in Belgium as a normal car, not as an oldtimer, this Lancia Aprilia passes every year the rather severe Contra'le Technique without any problem, which says enough about this Aprilia's excellent structural and mechanical condition. Attractive presentation in maroon, showing some patina here and there, and a newly trimmed interior in original style. Well, by now you have understood: a super, charming and practical saloon with lots of driving fun readily available. For you?

Brand	Lancia
Model	Aprilia
Year	1938
Steering	Right (RHD)