

# A new DS Owner to the Web Site

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Josef is our new DS owner all the way from Germany.

Click on read more below to see more of Josef's cars and read his interesting path into the captivating world of the Citroen DS .



I own two Citroens fitted with 23IE engines and with Borg Warner transmissions. This is the first one. Its an original cabrio Usine. I bought it in 1978 from a carwrecker. It looked poor and I stored it for 2 more years.

I began restoring it in 1993 and finished in 2005. I estimate it took me 6000 hrs.

When I bought the car it was fitted with a 2,0l engine and a 4speed manual gearbox. I fitted a 231E engine and Borg Warner transmission.

A convertible top back is fitted. Change to top gear and just accelerate or brake, its unbelievable fun. I have driven 35000km since the completion of the restoration without trouble. On my first big journey I drove to the Cote 'Azur, a return journey of some 2600km. I will never forget it.

The first and the last pictures are shot at the same location with a gap of 25 years.

















In 1973, when I was a 20 year old boy, I had a test ride in a new DSuper5. That infected me heavily. The same year I bought my first DS. I was a poor student and the Citroen repair shops in the middle of nowhere were as qualified as I was.

So because of lack of money and no qualified mechanics I tried to do it by myself. There was a Citroen.-dealer who allowed me to copy all the workshop manuals. Reading and trying, and then reading a second or third time until you suddenly found the solution. Trial and error.

Over time my skills improved.

It was at this time when the Citroen DS stood in the back row of a Citroen dealer's stock or on the street with out licence plates. When you are a lover of the Ds at that time, many guys came to offer their car for low money or for free. I bought one car after another, always trying to get one of two running again. The spare parts went into my storage.

One of these cars was a 1973 23IE Borg Warner with leather interior, tinted glass, sliding roof. It had had a bad collision with a tree, just 1500km after the Borg Warner gearbox was at the factory. Luckily I had all the required parts ever thing in stock.

About 1/2 year later, I found a similar car a 1975, same extras just without sliding roof . The car had run 80000km, engine was changed at 40000km and now the Borg Warner transmission had failed. I took the Gearbox out of the stock, mounted in the new car and drove it for 2 years. Then I lost a door because of rust and put the car in stock. Since 2005 I'm refreshing the car again, completed with a original A/C. Now the car is nearly finished, waiting for its first ride since 1982.

Then I will start to restore my third car, but that's another story.

I hope You will enjoy the story and the pictures.

















