

Porsche 550 Spyder

Every Porsche is a race car – following this motto, Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen conceives the 550 Spyder in 1954. Featuring a light aluminium body on a flat-welded steel tubular frame, the Spyder tips the scales at just 590 kilograms. The rear section is hinged, allowing quick access to the rear axle, gearbox and mid-ship powerplant – the legendary Carrera engine. With four overhead camshafts, shaft drive, dual ignition, crankshaft with four bearings, as well as eight-litre dry sump lubrication, the motor produces 110 hp. Power is transferred to the rear swing axles with torsion bars via a four-speed gearbox and limited slip differential. The front wheels also feature independent suspension and torsion bar springs. The factory and customers race the 550 Spyder with great success. In 1956, the 550 Spyder on display here is sold to the USA where it contests many races in the hands of customers. Today, the Spyder is a head-turner at historic car events.

Model Year:	1956
Engine:	4-cyl. flat
Displacement:	1,488 cc
Power Output:	81 kW (110 hp)
Weight:	590 kg
Acceleration 0-100 km/h:	ca. 10.0 s
Top speed:	220 km/h