

A DS 21 FROM FINLAND

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A lovely DS 21 Pallas 1965 (1966), colour Rouge Cornaline + Gris Argent owned by Marko Wainio all the way from Helsinki, Finland.

Thanks for sharing your car with us Marko.



Hello D-friends in New Zealand,

Roger asked me to write a story of my DS 21. The DS was born in Quai de Javel, Paris, in autumn 1965. It's a model of 1966, first year when the new 2175cc (109 hp) five main bearings engine (DX) was available. The car is original Pallas with hydraulic gears. The body colour is Rouge Cornaline (AC 419) and the roof colour is Gris Argent (AC 141). Interior trim cloth is rhovylene, the red colour is also called Rouge Cornaline.

The first owner of the car was a Frenchman, who lived near Bordeaux in southern France. He died in 1980's and thereafter the car "slept" in his garage for almost 25 years. In 2008 the heirs sold the car to one local DS-expert, who made a complete restoration for the low-mileage, well preserved car. He reconstructed the whole hydraulic system on LHM-basis (the car had LHS-hydraulics like all DS's manufactured before autumn 1966, but the system was in bad condition due 25 years out of use). I bought the car from him and brought it to Finland, 3000 kilometers north to Bordeaux. Now the Goddess sleeps in my garage waiting eagerly for next summer; it's winter and a lot of snow here in Finland now.

The car has some specialities: Jaeger-dashboard, which is a highly valued option, usually only seen on cabriolets. Under the headlights are small chrome parts called "Le bitos Colibri", which are quite rare too. There is also a Continental Edison radio + one rear speaker installed. Have to mention the magnificent antenna on the roof too. The car has still its original French licence numbers, which are painted with white paint on the body. They are now covered with black tape and the licence plates AC-419 seen on pictures are official Finnish plates. They match well with the body colour!

We have nowadays about 150 ID/DS-cars left in Finland, not all of them in roadworthy condition. Many cars, especially ID's, was sold to Finland during 1957-1975, but the weather conditions here are too hard for D-models. They just rusted away. But I think you guys have the same problem also down there in New Zealand...

Best regards,

Marko W.









