

A NEW DS IN AUCKLAND

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I have finally seen her all cleaned and polished AND had a drive.

I will leave it to the helmeted FSB to do a full test (if the new owner will let him have the keys)

But briefly;

A nice powerful and comfortable drive in a sound DS 23 Pallas Injection Electronique Automatique.

This car has been well cared for over the years and is an excellent candidate for a 'running refurbishment'.

We welcome the proud owner Mike Steffens to DS ownership and look forward to seeing more of you and your white 23 in our future activities.





Mike's Story.

As far as history on my car goes, sadly I don't really know too much. I would love to know more

I am told it was built in Paris in 1974. Not sure where it went from there or when it arrived in Australia.

It has been owned by the last owners for 6 years in Brisbane. Before that it was owned by a DS garage specialist in Brisbane called "DS Motors"

DS Motors have serviced and maintained it for the last 12 years.

Before that, I don't know where it was based.

The shipping was relatively painless. I drove it to the handling agent in Brisbane who stored it for 2 weeks before the boat set sail. It took 7 days to get here as it went to Melbourne and Sydney en route. It was then delivered to the AA Compliance centre in New Lynn. The bill for shipping was reasonable at less than \$2k including the MAF fees, although the GST on the vehicle was an absolute stinger. Compliance was my problem as it failed with a small list of problems and a slow panel beater. A month later it passed but only after David at Auto France saved the day by completing all of the mechanical work in a day with only a days notice!!!! Legend.

I am absolutely delighted to be the custodian of this piece of automotive history. I have to pinch my self now and again to make sure I am not just dreaming. I have wanted one for a long time.

