

1950 DeSoto C-14 Custom 8 Passenger "Sedambulance"

Listed on behalf of the owner.

Located in PORTLAND, OREGON.

This 1950 DeSoto C-14 8-passenger Sedan on the 139.5" wheelbase was professionally modified from the factory by the F.H. McClintock Company of Lansing, Michigan into what they called a "Sedambulance." Offering seating for 8 (3 up front, 3 in the rear compartment plus 2 jumpseats) it was popular with hotels and livery/limousine services, as well as corporate use. The "Sedambulance" conversion allowed the passenger side "B" pillar/door post to be quickly removed, along with the front seat and one jumpseat. The package included a rolling hospital gurney and single driver's seat to convert the car into an ambulance or hospital patient-moving service in a matter of minutes. No tools were required to make the conversion, and McClintock's unique locking mechanism for the door post provides a solid post when in-place. The doors close easily and latch securely. Truly a unique design.

This car was acquired from a Chrysler dealer over 30 years ago by the current owner. He initially thought it was just an 8 passenger sedan, but when he found out about the "Sedambulance" conversion, he set out to find the correct rolling gurney and single driver's seat. After several years of searching (including correspondence with the McClintock family), he acquired both, and the car was complete once again.

The car is in excellent condition today. Repainted previously in correct black, it has a deep shine. Chrome and trim are bright. Interior was reupholstered, with the exception of the jump seats, which are in very good original condition. The steering wheel plastic was re-cast and is perfect. Original lighted DeSoto hood ornament.

Mechanically excellent. With just 59,100 total miles on the odometer, it has always been garaged. The 236 cubic inch flathead 6 cylinder engine was rebuilt approximately 2,000 miles ago and runs smooth and quiet with no smoke or noise. Regularly maintained by a personal mechanic. New wiring harness and 6 volt Optima battery. All gauges work and register accurately. The 4-speed semi-automatic Fluid Drive transmission shifts perfectly. Newer radial tires. Clean undercarriage. New exhaust system. A very nice package.

Car has been used regularly on tours and for events. Always draws interested crowds, especially when the gurney is in-place!

There is little to add. If you're looking for a unique DeSoto for touring, club events or just driving pleasure, this is a good one. Would be welcome at any car show and qualifies for membership in the "Professional Car Society."