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## **CHRISTIE'S MOTORS INTO PARIS**

*Exceptional Motor Cars at Rétromobile Paris*  
*Saturday 14th February 2004 at 7.30pm*



*1935 Bugatti T55*  
*Estimate: €135,000 - €155,000*

*Paris – Christie's International Motor Cars are delighted to announce their return to Paris for the third auction at Rétromobile, Europe's most prestigious classic car show. With over 100,000 visitors expected to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> annual event at Salon Rétromobile, the Christie's sale on Saturday 14 February, promises to offer a fine array of motor cars and automobilia sure to whet the appetite of established collectors and motoring enthusiasts around the globe.*

*The highlight of the Christie's sale is one of the ultimate 'supercars' of the mid-1930s, the last production 1935 Bugatti T55. Exceedingly rare, fast, beautiful and in excellent mechanical and cosmetic condition, this example is expected to fetch €1,600,000-*

€2,200,000 and is without doubt one of most desirable models of the marque in existence today.

A direct successor to Bugatti's T43 Grand Sport roadcar, the exclusive Bugatti T55 was first introduced in 1932 with a total production run of only 38 cars – the model to be offered at Christie's was the last T55 to be invoiced by the factory on 30 August 1935. Thirty of the original 38 are believed to have survived to date with six examples currently displayed at the French National Motor Museum.

Delivered new to its first owner, Frenchman Pierre Vogt, the Bugatti T55 benefits from a continuous history to this day with only eight renowned owners and remaining in France for most of its life until a Japanese collector took ownership of it in the late 1980s. Christie's is particularly pleased to be offering this superb car for sale in the country where it was built 68 years ago.

**Further highlights:**



**1983 Porsche 911SC/RS GPB**  
Estimate: €135,000-155,000

The ex-Brigitte Bardot 1965 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud III Coupé (€); 1929 Bugatti T51 Grand Prix Two Seater (€450,000-550,000); 1911 Bugatti T15 Two Seater (€170,000-190,000); 1967 Aston Martin DB6 Volante (€150,000-180,000); 1983 Porsche 911SC/RS GPB (€135,000-155,000); 1965 Aston Martin DB5 Coupé (€100,000-140,000); 1950 Abarth 205 Coupé (€90,000-120,000).

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**Note to Editors:**

The auction will take place at: Salon Rétromobile, Porte de Versailles, 75015 Paris.

**Viewing:** Friday 13 and Saturday 14 February 2004

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