



VOISIN TYPE C25
Aerodyne 1935





Best of Show

The streamlined styling and continuous curves of Gabriel Voisin's meticulous masterpiece, the Aérodyne, have made it one of the most decorated artifacts in the Mullin Collection.

The year 1933 witnessed the emergence of coachwork styles that were unabashedly aerodynamic. Gabriel Voisin's response to this vogue reflected his extensive experience in aeronautics—it was original, unique, and provocative.

Presented for the first time at the 1934 Paris Auto Salon, the revolutionary modern

design of Gabriel Voisin's C25 Aérodyne drew throngs of admirers and curiosity seekers, despite the formidable competition posed by Renault's new Hyper Aerodynamic and Citroen's Traction Avant. The Aérodyne was dubbed Voisin's "car of the future"—an automobile that sought to capitalize on the public's growing fascination with streamlining and aerodynamics, and it was a project that Voisin hoped would remake his marque's image in the wake of financial difficulties.



Even in an era of progressive design, the Aérodyne was avant-garde. With its two-tone paint, wraparound fenders, low, faired-in headlights, high beltline, skirted rear fenders, and automated, retractable roof, the Aérodyne cut a profile unlike anything else; it was an Art Deco masterpiece. In contrast with this dynamic profile, the Aérodyne retained the typical Voisin sleeve-valve engine and stylized radiator grille, which was conservatively straight, vertical, and topped by a haughty hood ornament. After careful restoration by the Mullin Collection, the Aérodyne was presented at the 2011 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elégance, where it won Best of Show—the only car restored entirely by the Mullin Museum to win this high honor.

When one of the four existing Aérodynes came up for sale, it was immediately purchased by the Mullin Collection in 2005.

The car, Chassis 50010, was in worn but complete and original condition. After careful research, it was restored and became part of the Mullin Automotive Museum.



PROFILE

Coachbuilder	Factory
Chassis number	50010
Profile type	Touring
Body type	Coupé
Number made	6
Production span	1934-1937
Acceleration	0
Top Speed	unavailable

BODY | CHASSIS

Front brakes type	Lockheed hydraulic
Rear brakes type	Lockheed hydraulic
Front suspension type	Live axle with semielliptical leaf springs
Rear suspension type	Live axle with semielliptical leaf springs
Length	18'
Height (Ground line to highest roof)	5' 5"
Width	5' 7"

ENGINE

Engine number	47386
Type	Inline
Number of cylinders	6
Displacement	2994
Distribution	Knigt sleeve-valves
BHP at 3100 RPM	103
Gearbox	Electromagnetic
Number of gears	4
Overdrive	0



