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Re: Packard Darrin - DR121235CAL

Dear Mr. Feffer:

In answer to the inquiry concerning your 1939 Packard Darrin I have the following information which may be of interest to you:

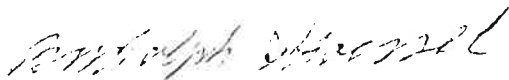
This car was indeed built at the Darrin shop which at the time was located at 8860 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. I did much of the original work on the car which was, of course, designed by Howard "Dutch" Darrin who presently resides at 130 Ocean Way, Santa Monica, California.

The vehicle was built originally for a Mr. Kohler who was the sales manager for the Pasadena Packard Agency at the time. The Darrin was next sold to the movie actor Preston Foster. The original color of black was changed to midnight blue when Mr. Foster brought the car back to me for some updating work that was done in 1941 shortly before World War II. Our name then was Coachcraft, Ltd., located at 8667 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The personnel of our shop was comprised of myself and other former employees of Mr. Darrin.

It was indeed a pleasure to examine this Darrin after so many years. The top was done by either Carson or Hige, I do not recall which due to the lapse of time. The Edmonds dual manifold was installed by us at Darrin and gives the car a more efficient power package.

According to our records the car was next sold to Diana Barrymore. As I understand it this automobile was purchased from the Barrymore Estate in 1945 by your father-in-law who owned it for a period of time before selling it to his brother Hal Anderson.

Very truly yours,

  
Rudolph Stoessel

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