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Italian Parts Runner: 1956 Lancia Appia Panel Van

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This 1956 Lancia panel van is based on the Appia and was fully restored by an Illinois Ferrari/Maserati dealership for promotional use. The look is 100% period correct and it looks like a vehicle you'd see in the paddock of a 1950's grand prix or along the route of one of the last Mille Miglia events. Find it hereoten tensors in Las Vegas, Nevada for \$85k.



The elegant vertical Lancia grille works well with the tall roof and proportions, and the two-tone scheme makes the vehicle look more sophisticated. The steel wheels and big logo hubcaps are also nicely restored.



The interior features right-hand-drive and a 4-speed manual transmission on the column. The gauge cluster is labeled in Italian and easily visible through the 2-spoke wheel. We like the simplicity of the dash design and bench seat.



The V4 engine displaces 1090cc and puts out 43 horsepower. The exhaust manifolds have the Lancia name cast into them and the engine compartment is very tidy overall. We dobt the car has seen many miles since the restoration.



The cargo area has a flat subfloor which leaves room for a spare tire beneath. The windows are protected from shifting loads by chrome rails and the paint application was very thorough.



These sellers are asking for all th money for this one, which is typical of all their inventory. This one would be difficult to reproduce even for this price, but we imagine a realistic buyer will only be willing to pay about half this price. It is a very cool example though.