

# **Collector Vehicle Appraisal**

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On December 26 2021, I personally visually inspected and evaluated the vehicle described below for the purpose of providing an estimation of the vehicle's cash/fair market value today. I inspected the vehicle's exterior, interior, chassis, and engine compartment. A mechanical evaluation was conducted where possible. The evaluation is based upon authenticity, preservation/ restoration, maintenance and/or replacement costs.

Vehicle Make & Year: 1957 Ford F600 Custom Cab Car Hauler

VIN: F60L7H13390

Body Style: Car Hauler (Hodges style ramp body)

Color: Fire Engine Red

Interior (color/material): Black Vinyl

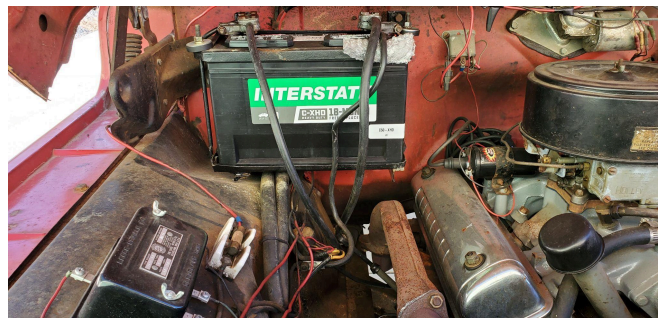
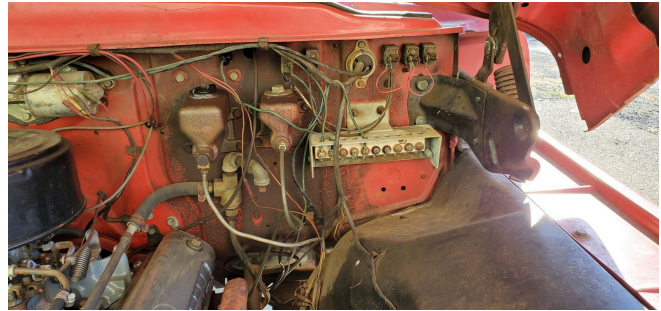
Mileage: 18,389 was the mileage shown on the odometer (It has likely turned over at least once). The speedometer is currently not working.

## **Special Features**

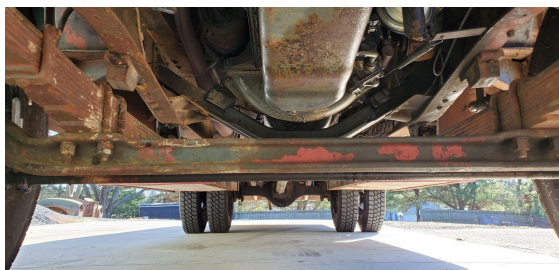
This is an ex-fire truck converted into a car hauler with a Hodges style ramp body. The current owner has owned this truck for approximately 5 years.



**Engine/Engine Compartment:** (Overall Condition Grade#4+) 272 Y block bored to 283 cubic inches. The cylinder heads have recently been replaced. Has a new clutch slave cylinder. The engine has the crossover exhaust that is factory for the 272 Y block. A Holley 2 barrel carburetor is installed on the factory intake manifold. The fuel pump has been replaced recently. It has been upgraded to a spin on oil filter. It has been upgraded to an electronic ignition system. The radiator has been recored.



**Chassis & Drivetrain:** (Overall Condition Grade #4+) Equipped with a 5 speed manual transmission. The tires have recently been replaced and they still have a lot of tread left on them. The wheels have been powder-coated black. The brake wheel cylinders and the brake master cylinder have been recently replaced. The undercarriage/frame has minimum surface rust on it. The wood for the bed storage boxes is in good condition.





## Chassis & Drivetrain: Continued

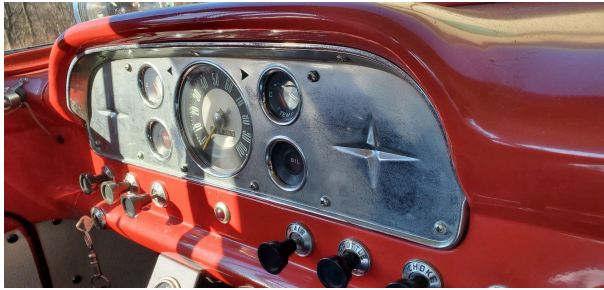


**Interior:** (Overall Condition Grade #4+) The seats have been recovered by Rankin Upholstery with black vinyl. The factory instrument cluster is in good condition. All gauges work as they should except for the speedometer. There is an aftermarket amp meter installed. The factory heater works. There is a cowboy hat holder installed on the factory headliner. The floor mounted, foot operated headlamp dimmer switch works as it should. There is some pitting on the interior door and window handles. The windows roll up and down smoothly.

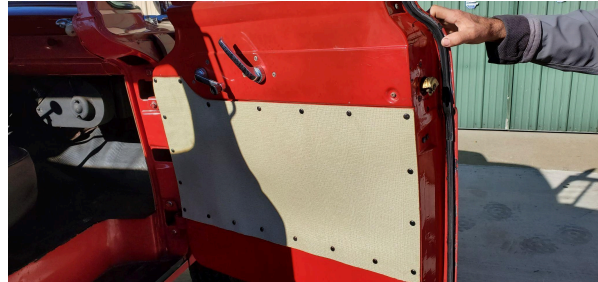
## Seat



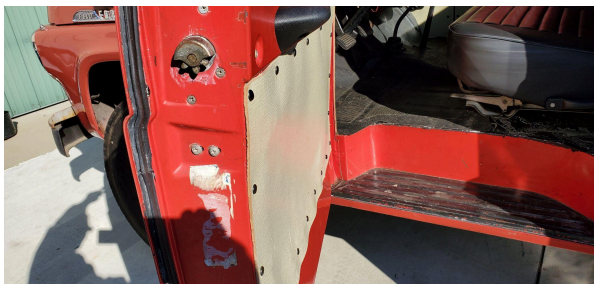
## Instrument Cluster & Dash



## Door Panels



## Floor & Door Sills





## Floor & Door Sills continued



**Exterior:** (Overall Condition Grade #4+) The front and rear windows have new seals by Classic Upholstery and Glass Co. Upgraded LED light installed on the bed. The truck has the rare factory hood scoop that was available for the 1957 series Ford Trucks. The front bumper has the "Square Diamond Plate" on the top side (this can be used as a step when servicing the engine). The dual (left and right) spot/search lamps are in working condition. All of the holes on the roof (for the fire truck lights) have been filled in and the roof repainted white. There is some pitting on the exterior door handles and the spot lamps. The right hand side cab handle is rusted to the point that there is almost no chrome left on it.



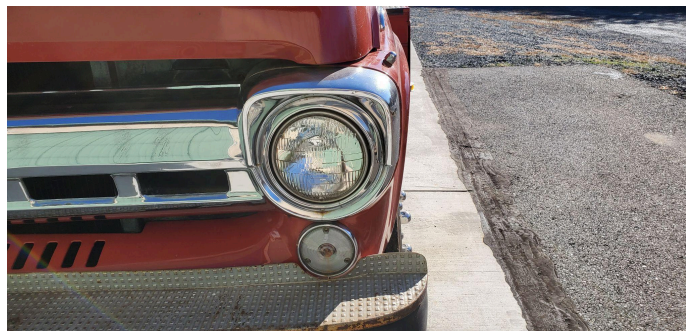


## Bed





## Front/Grill





Cab





### **Summary/Comments**

The overall condition rating for this Ford F600 Car Hauler is a #4+. It is a working car hauler. For comparables, I looked at firetrucks of the same vintage, Ford F600 trucks of all types, and car haulers of all makes and models. Car haulers (these had the most number online for sale or sold prices) ranged from under \$10,000 up to just over \$90,000 USD. Mecum Auctions had the most car hauler "sold price" data online. Most of the Mecum car haulers were rated as a #3 or #2 vehicle. Ford F600 trucks from the 1950s to the 1970s ranged from just over \$2,000 up to the mid to upper teens in asking price and or actual sale price. There was other price data found online for the F600 (slightly newer model year) that ranged from the \$30,000 up to the mid \$50,000 range. Similar vintage fire trucks were also looked at for comparables. The fire trucks had an upper sale price or asking price of about \$10,000.00 USD. All of these were looked at just for comparable data since there were no 1957 Ford F600 Car Haulers for sale or any sold prices found online at the time of the appraisal. NADA and Hagerty did not have any price data on the 1957 Ford F600. The current "starting price" for a Hodges car hauler bed is \$7,295.00 USD from Hodges Custom Haulers.

**(Condition code: #1 Excellent, #2 Fine, #3 Very Good, #4 Good/Fair, #5 Poor/Restorable, #6 Parts Car)**

After careful evaluation of this vehicle, based on my expertise and experience and after reviewing NADA, Hagerty Valuation Tool, Collector Car Auction Results, the Internet, reviewing comparables, etc. and after consulting with other Professional Appraisers, museums, and automotive experts, etc., when necessary, I appraise (estimate) this vehicle as having a cash value of \$25,500.00 USD.

I hereby state that I have received no compensation for this appraisal, from any source, other than my fee of \$200.00 USD. Therefore I have no actual or potential conflict of interest in providing this appraisal.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Harry Kraemer

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## **CREDENTIALS**

Harry grew up around classic cars, hot rods, motorcycles, planes, and boats. Harry has been riding motorcycles for 50 years and boating/sailing a little longer. As a teenager, Harry attended several sailing schools and learned the art of sailing. Harry's first plane ride was in the late 1960s and he earned his pilot's license in 1984. Currently Harry has a collection of over 60 vintage motorcycles, bicycles, and rare engines.

Harry's automotive career began in the late 1970s working for a Chevrolet dealer in the parts department. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s Harry worked for numerous new car dealerships advancing to an Assistant Parts Manager. In 1989 Harry was presented with the Nissan Parts & Service Managers' Organization Recognition of Outstanding Dealership Parts Performance Award. Throughout the 1990s he worked for a large automobile dealer (with over 40 franchises) where he gained experience buying/selling cars at auctions, appraising used cars, and working as a service advisor. Harry has over 25 years experience appraising vehicles and aircraft, completing thousands of appraisals on cars, motorcycles, and aircraft. Harry has also published numerous articles on vehicle appraisals in multiple publications.

Harry Kraemer is also an experienced pilot, aviation educator, FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, and writer with more than 10,000 hours of flight time in over 120 different types of aircraft, flying everything from blimps, gliders, ultralights, and jets. He has traveled coast to coast giving over 100 lectures on aviation safety related topics. Harry has held numerous senior management positions in aviation including: Assistant Vice President of a Flight Department, Chief Pilot for a charter operation, Chief Pilot of a Flight School, and Aircraft Sales Manager. Harry is an Airline Transport Pilot and a Gold Seal Flight Instructor. Harry has the distinction of being the only instructor (out of approximately 100,000) to have ever held three Master titles from the National Association of Flight Instructors: Master CFI, Master Ground Instructor, and Master Aerobatic Instructor. Harry has published over 90 papers in over a dozen different aviation publications. Harry has also served as a contributing editor for several aviation publications and has worked as a research consultant for several book publishers. Harry served as an Aviation Safety Counselor for the Baltimore area for over 25 years and currently serves as an EAA Flight Advisor for the Experimental Aircraft Association.