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Subject – 1940 Chevrolet
Body Style - 2 Door Stepside Pickup
Color – Black Cherry

Model – KC ½ Ton Light Delivery
V.I.N. K3377284
Mileage – 2,729 odometer reading

The following information details the build and condition of this vehicle. This listing is based from information obtained from an in depth interview with the current vehicle owner and by observation of the actual components on the vehicle. This will include, but is not limited to body and paint, mechanical, trim parts and chassis.

Please note that the listed appraiser spent considerable time inspecting the vehicle and interviewing the owner but this listing is not a guarantee of every nut and bolt utilized in the build of this truck.

It should be noted that this vehicle underwent a highly detailed, full nut and bolt restoration. There are many upgraded components and the body and paint workmanship is perfection. The vehicle has been driven since build was completed and has been properly sorted out. There are no drivability issues and there are no maintenance items in need of attention. The upgrades to the mechanicals, namely the drivetrain and suspension bring this vehicle into the now very popular and desirable Resto-Mod category. Some of the vehicle highlights are listed within the following categories. *Please note that when placing a condition statement such as Excellent, Fine or Very Good, the age of the component is taken into consideration. Also in consideration is whether the component is an unrestored OEM piece, a refurbished or restored unit, or a replacement.

Grading is determined on a six tiered scale respectively being excellent, fine, very good, good, restorable, and parts only. These categories can also be listed as 1-6 with 1 being the best condition. These are often used as the standard, taken from guidebooks, classic car books, auctions and magazines.

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❖ Interior

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The tan leather bench seat has handstitched material along with black seat belts from Seatbelt Solutions. The full size leather headliner is custom as is the cab back panel upholstery and both match the seat material. The handmade door trim panels and arm rests compliment the front seat perfectly. The inner door handles are new as are the black carpeting and matching sun visors. The interior painted sections such as the instrument panel, roof and inner door frames and jambs are painted body color. As with the exterior finish, the interior refinishing workmanship is beyond Excellent. All of the glass has been replaced and the windshield has a new reveal molding. All of the weatherstrips have been renewed and are properly installed. Overall the interior is graded to be in Excellent condition. Additional interior highlights are as follows;

- Tilt steering column from Ididit.
- Grant steering wheel with a black vinyl rim.
- Classic Instruments gauge package mounted in the stock location. The Coolant Temperature gauge reads from 100 to 260 degrees, the Oil Pressure reads 0-80 PSI while the Voltage reads from 8 to 16. The speedometer reads to 160 MPH. The gauges are mounted with a chrome surround bezel that appears as a factory piece and gives an updated look to the package.
- Power Windows with door trim panel mounted switches. The power is supplied to the doors through pin switches and contacts mounted to the cowl hinge pillar and the inner door shell.
- Vintage Air Conditioning expertly installed including the vents and the dash mounted HVAC controls.
- Sony RM-X45 stereo mounted behind the seat back. The unit is controlled by a remote and has an auxiliary input.
- The battery, fuses and relays are mounted behind the seat back.

❖ Body and Trim

The exterior body is perfectly straight and with very proper panel gaps and lines. The refinishing work was completed utilizing a high end two stage base coat clear coat system with the materials being supplied by PPG. The vehicle wears all new chrome trim. The front and rear bumpers, grille, headlamp bezels, signal lamp bezels have all been replaced with high quality, triple chrome plated pieces that appear as day one. The headlamps have been upgraded to Halogen units. A single painted pinstripe that matches the interior color has been expertly applied. The frame has been painted black and a new fuel tank has been installed in the rear. A mahogany stained, 6 plank, maple wood bed floor is secured with polished aluminum slats and the final finish is of very high quality and it matches the overall perfection level of the build. The third wood plank (from the left) has a circular pop-up cutout that hides the fuel tank filler cap. The tailgate has hidden hinges and is a "chainless" application. The Chevrolet name on the tailgate is airbrushed. The overall exterior condition and quality are graded as Excellent.

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❖ Front / Rear Suspension, Steering & Brakes

The front suspension has been upgraded to a Heidts system with tubular upper and lower control arms and rack and pinion power steering. The upgraded steering shaft is a double U-joint assembly. The rear suspension maintains leaf springs. A Chevrolet 10 bolt rear axle assembly is mounted with U-bolts and has a Posi-Traction differential. The power brake booster and master cylinder are frame mounted leaving a very "clean" appearance in the engine compartment. All of the brake lines and hoses were new at the time of the build and there are no maintenance issues awaiting attention. The vehicle drives straight and true and the owner has no complaints or issues with drivability, reliability or general driving comfort.

❖ Wheels and Tires

- Front and Rear Wheels: 15 x 7 steel wheels, painted black and with grooved trim rings. The center caps have the Chevrolet name embossed across the center.
- Front Tires: BF Goodrich Silvertown Radials with wide whitewalls sized at 225/70/15.
- Rear Tires: BF Goodrich Silvertown Radials with wide whitewalls sized at 255/70/15.
- All tires measure at 11/32".

❖ Engine and Transmission

The small block Chevrolet engine has been bored and stroked to 383 cubic inches. The machine work and assembly were performed by Precision Engine which has a very well-known reputation for safe and reliable horsepower. The engine was fully rebuilt including but not limited to new pistons, rods, crankshaft, rings, bearings, oil pump, camshaft, lifters, timing chain and gears. The cam bearings and freeze plugs are also new. The entire drivetrain was renewed and with all of the other vehicle components, is graded to be in Excellent condition. Other engine and drivetrain features are as follows;

- Straight plug aluminum cylinder heads.
- Edelbrock Performer RPM aluminum intake manifold with a front mounted oil fill tube that provides and era correct appearance. The intake has been painted silver.
- Holley model 3310 carburetor with dual fuel inlets, an electric choke and vacuum secondaries.
- Mechanical fuel pump.
- 14" open element air cleaner with a body color top with the Chevrolet embossed letters hand painted in white.

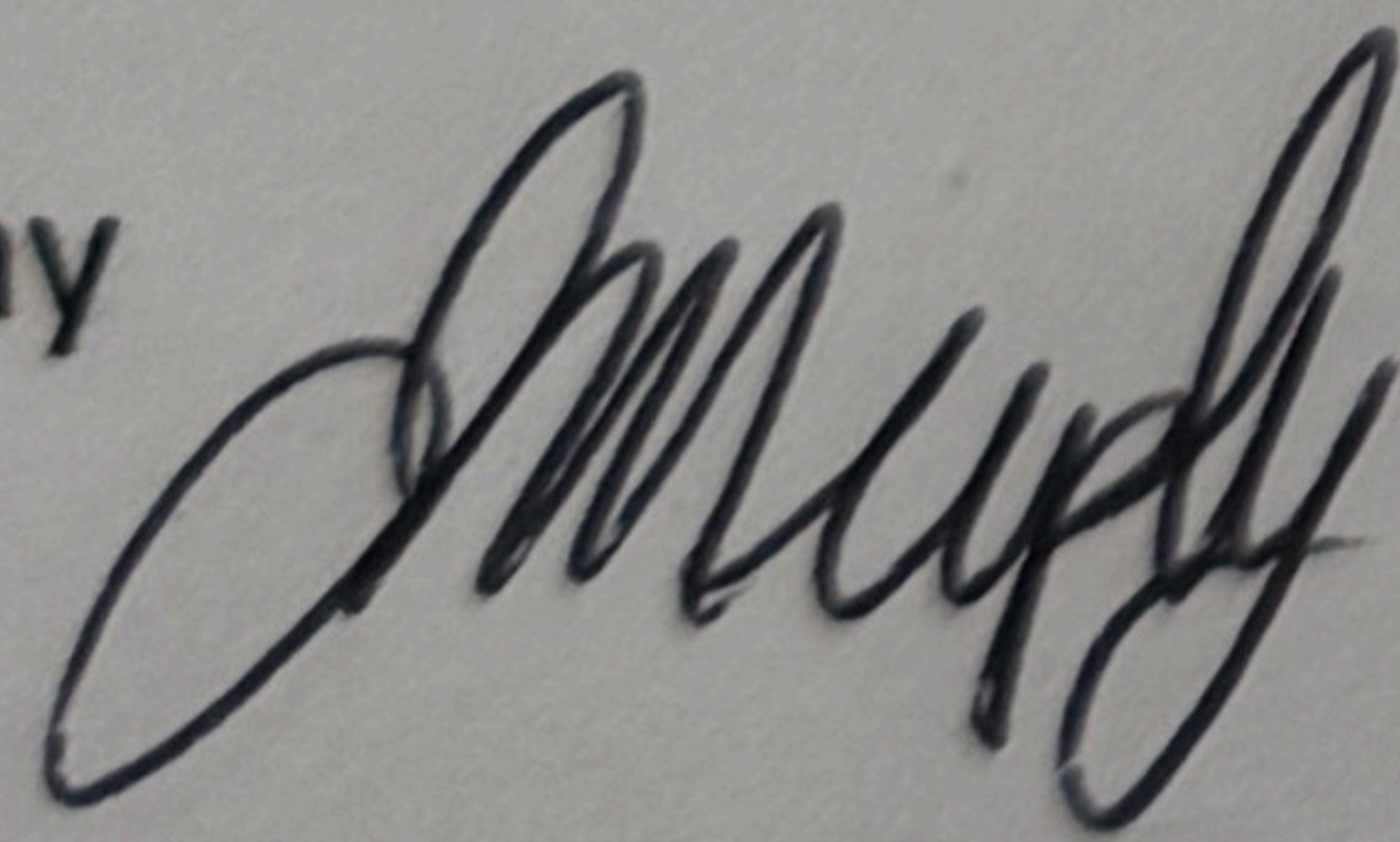
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- Body color valve covers with the period correct Chevrolet script painted in white.
- GM HEI distributor with a cap integrated coil.
- The spark plug wires which run under the "shorty" style ceramic coated exhaust headers.
- A custom 2.5" true dual exhaust system with Flowmaster mufflers and full length tail pipes with chrome Magnaflow tips.
- Aluminum water pump.
- Stock style and stock appearing radiator with a shrouded single electric fan.
- Vintage Air - Air Conditioning system including a March supplied compressor.
- Vintage Air - Air Conditioning receiver/dryer.
- March aluminum pulleys and mounting brackets.
- Alternator from March.
- New Vintage Air A/C hoses and heater hoses which are properly banded and securely mounted.
- Richmond 6-speed overdrive manual transmission.
- Hurst shifter.
- New clutch, pressure plate and throw out bearing.
- New driveshaft with new U-Joints.

This 1940 Chevrolet Light Delivery pickup has an extremely high build quality is exceptional in every respect. The numerous upgrades bring this vehicle into the very popular and desirable Resto-Mod category. The driving experience has been greatly enhanced for quality and performance. This will include the comfort of the bench seat, air conditioning, the ease of the power rack and pinion steering, easy going highway performance and upgraded handling and braking. When considering all of the specifics of this vehicle, it would be easy to assume that this is a "one off" build but yet desirable to the masses. To find an "identical twin" would be virtually impossible. The build was tastefully done and the research, time and efforts put forth to spec out the construction are obvious. In my opinion this vehicle has an appraised value of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000.00). The cost to duplicate the vehicle in every respect (including the purchase of a proper and equivalent "starting point", along with consideration to current market pricing for parts, labor and materials) would be considerably higher than the stated opinion of appraised value.

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