

# 1959 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK

1959 International Harvester Pickup

Previous owner(s): Hall Furniture and Mortuary, Inc. ,Kansas, 1978 – 1989  
(?); Bernie and Janice Taulborg Collection

Engine, etc.: Model B-130; ½ ton; dually; 6 cyl., 3 speed

The Classic Car Collection has International Harvester vehicles from 1907 (auto buggy), 1909 (auto wagon), and pickups from 1919, 1929, 1939, 1949, and 1959.

In 1952 International Harvester opened a complete truck engineering building and lab in Ft. Wayne, Ind. It was the largest of its kind dedicated solely to motor truck development. The L-line, introduced in 1949, was replaced by the R-line in 1952. The R-line had 168 chassis models in 296 wheelbases. Another significant development that year was the introduction of LPG (liquefied-petroleum-gas) powerplants in IH trucks. They offered many benefits in operating efficiency and reduced operating costs.

In 1957 the company celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary into the field of motor truck manufacture.

International placed its B-line trucks on the market in 1959. Models ranged from 4,200 to 33,000 lbs. gross weight. Three new, small V-8 engines were introduced with the B-line with a total of nine different gasoline and "LPG"-fueled powerplants offered.

Sales in 1959 totaled \$749 million, a new record for the motor truck division, and represented 43% of International Harvester's total volume that year.

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