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# RÉTROMOBILE 2025 POSTER: AN ARTISTIC JOURNEY ON THE HORIZON!

- Rétromobile from 5 to 9 February 2025
- Collector poster: the emblematic DS Ballons from 1959
- 70 years of the DS in partnership with DS Automobiles

Paris, 28.02.2024 - A collector's item for may enthusiasts, the Rétromobile poster is more than just a communication vector. It officially marks the beginning of the countdown to the next edition. Having ventured across the border to Germany then Britain, the poster is back in its home country for 2025, where it will proudly display a masterpiece of French innovation, the DS 19. As has now become customary, this poster is also a foretaste of the theme of the main exhibit which will celebrate the 70th anniversary of this French monument, in partnership with DS Automobiles.

Forever an invitation to travel back in time, the official Rétromobile poster gives an opportunity to enthusiasts of



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every ilk to (re)discover the vehicles that have marked the history of the major invention of the 19<sup>th</sup> century: the automobile. For this 49<sup>th</sup> edition, to be held from 5 to 9 February 2025 at the Porte de Versailles exhibition centre in Paris, the poster has swapped its British racing green for a bright orange.

### The DS Ballons: non-identified floating object

It is thus the atypical 1959 DS Ballons that will adorn the 2025 Rétromobile poster.

Presented to the public for the first time at the 1955 Paris Motor Show, the DS 19 made quite a splash: crowds flocked to see this car of a new breed, with every hour that passed increasing the delivery time by almost a month. As a symbol of this success, several thousand models will be sold over the 11 days of the show.

It has to be said that the beauty of this car was a complete departure from the standards of the time. Whether through its slender lines, designed by the Italian sculptor Flaminio Bertoni, or through the many on-board innovations that came as standard, such as power steering, disc brakes, a single-spoke steering wheel or a hydropneumatics suspension system based on a gas-fluid blend.

Indeed, this innovation gave rise in 1959 to an unprecedented stroke of advertising genius. To highlight the DS's first-class comfort, advertising executive Claude Puech came up with a daring device: a DS painted in an 'écaille blonde' tint that appeared to float on water thanks to four orange spheres that replaced its wheels. The result was a hybrid object that evoked both the serenity of controlled elements and an avant-garde work of art.



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## **Rétromobile 2025**

#### FROM WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025 – Paris Expo Porte de Versailles – Halls 1, 2.2, 3

#### **Opening times**

Wednesday 5 February and Friday 7 February: 10am-10pm Thursday 6, Saturday 8, Sunday 9 February: 10am-7pm

#### PRESS/VIP PREVIEW EVENING - THUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025 - 18H TO 20H

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About Rétromobile.

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