

# 1956 Packard Caribbean

2dr Convertible . 8-cyl. 374cid/310hp 2x4bbl

#1 Concours condition

**\$114,000**

↗ +0.9%

#2 Excellent condition

**\$89,600**

↘ -12.2%

#3 Good condition

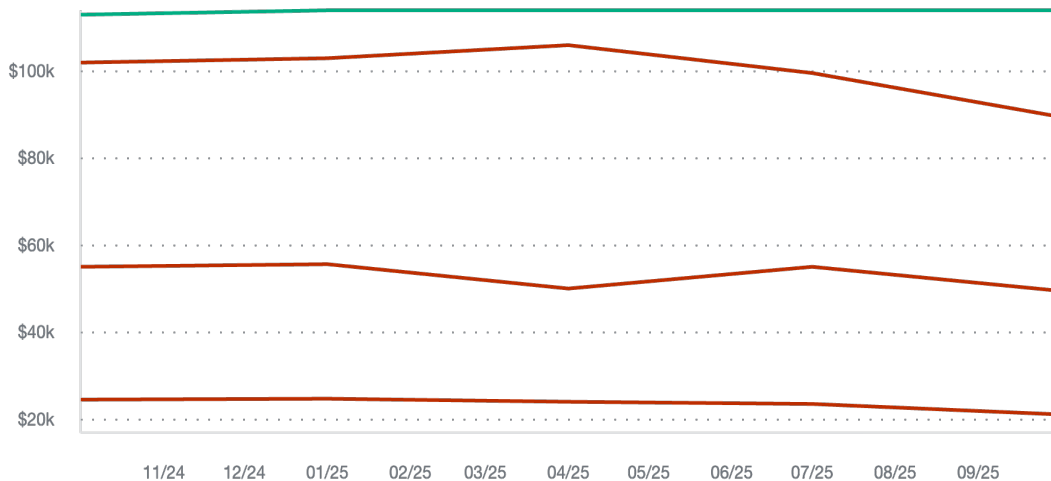
**\$49,600\***

↘ -10%

#4 Fair condition

**\$21,200**

↘ -13.8%



NOTE: The chart displays price changes for the last year.

## Model description

Packard introduced the Caribbean in 1953. Based on Packard's non-production 1952 show car, the Pan American convertible, the Caribbean utilized a Cavalier body that was heavily modified by the Mitchell-Bentley Corporation of Ionia, Michigan. The hood featured a full-width scoop, the taillights were horizontal in "fishtail" rear fenders, and the cars were fitted with chrome wire wheels, including a continental spare tire. All side trim was removed, and full rear wheel cutouts further differentiated the car from the rest of the Packard line, and the end result was a truly elegant and striking automobile..

The Caribbean was only available as a convertible, and could be ordered in four colors: Polaris Blue, Gulf Green metallic, Matador Red metallic and Sahara Sand. It was powered by the 180-hp, 327-cid straight-eight motor and at \$5,210 was almost \$2,000 more than the Cavalier convertible, and \$1,400 more than a Cadillac convertible. A total of 750 1953 Packard Caribbean convertibles were built.

The 1954 Caribbean was markedly different, as it received a two-tone paint job with a dividing side-molding, chrome across the hood scoop, and chrome trim adorning the lower rear wheel cutouts, which were now half size. It retained chrome wire wheels and the continental kit, and all Caribbeans now had power windows, power seats, power steering, and power brakes, as well as dual heaters. Only 400 were built this year, as Packard redesigned its Detroit plant to begin building the all-new 1955 models.

The 1955 Packard Caribbean was a stunning tri-colored convertible, powered by a brand new 352-cid, 275-hp OHV V-8, with dual four-barrel carburetors. Every power option was standard, except for air conditioning, and the car rode on electronically operated, self-leveling torsion bar suspension. The Caribbeans were white over black with the third color – blue, green, red or pink, placed between the other two on a wide band that ran the length of the car at waist height, sweeping up over the rear fins to the twin antennas. "Cathedral window" rear taillights topped bumpers, through which the exhaust exited. Production was limited to 500 Caribbeans, which cost almost \$6,000 – again nearly \$2,000 more than a 1955 Cadillac convertible.

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