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Converted into an Emergency Vehicle

Apparently a high-ranking German commander had to leave his car behind in the Czechoslovakian region during the chaos of the last days of World War II. This luxury car was a Horch Typ 853, the convertible version of the 1935-presented vehicle series 850. It was fitted with an eight-cylinder straight-type engine, which had a performance of 100 hp.

In the course of the political reorganization of Czechoslovakia for the integration into the communist Soviet Union after World War II, everything from Germany was branded as "bad" or "evil". In 1945 the same was true for the left-behind luxury convertible. However its new owners were well aware that the Horch was a rare fortune and thought long and hard about how to tap the full potential out of the powerful car. The Czechoslovakian renowned body maker T. Lepil, known for his body designs for famous Czech carmakers, created a complete new body for the convertible, which was especially

tailored for its new use as a future fire engine. Lepil had no regard for the existing bodywork of the Horch-Designers and cut off the whole car trunk, replaced the large doors with two smaller ones on each side, to submit a separate entry to the back of the car. Due to this massive alternation of the rear, the car got a strung-out bed, which offered enough space for water hoses and other fire fighting equipment. The roof was a fully glazed and covered the whole passenger compartment and the trunk.

According to existing information the vehicle was built during the years 1946 until 1949. Probably the engine of the Horch convertible remained in its original condition and therefore the local fire department of the Brno-Komin district had not only one of the most extraordinary emergency vehicles at this time but also one of the fastest.

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