



General Information

We understand that a classic car project often means far more than the car itself. It may be the fulfilment of a long-held dream or childhood ambition, a way to preserve the memory of a loved one, or simply an opportunity to create something truly special that few people ever have the chance to own.

Our goal is not simply to make the car look beautiful, but to ensure that it remains reliable for years to come and genuinely enjoyable to drive. Our restoration projects bring together vehicle engineers and restoration specialists, combining traditional craftsmanship with an engineering mindset and a systematic approach to problem-solving. A restoration is a complex process involving many decisions and a significant investment. That is why every project is managed with transparent project management, regular communication and detailed documentation. This allows you to follow what is happening with your car, understand where your investment is going, and be part of the process of bringing it back to life — not just see the finished result.

Although every restoration project is unique, we work according to clearly defined, standardised processes. This ensures that regardless of the car's condition or the scale of the project, our work remains consistent, transparent and carried out to a high professional standard.

The project Process:

1. **Initial Enquiry and Consultation:** We start by discussing your ideas, goals and motivation for the car, as well as reviewing its current condition. Based on photos, videos and any available documentation, we can make an initial assessment of whether the project is a good fit for our workshop. At this stage, we can also provide an indicative cost range to give you a realistic idea of the level of investment you should expect. *If this is the first time you are reading this information, this is the stage we are currently at.*
2. **Vehicle Condition Assessment:** Every project begins with a thorough assessment to give us as accurate a picture as possible of the car's mechanical and cosmetic condition. We inspect all major systems and, where the condition of the vehicle allows, carry out a test drive. The assessment typically takes a full working day and is performed by two of our restoration specialists. The information gathered during the assessment forms the basis for the subsequent cost estimate and project plan. The assessment is primarily carried out without dismantling the vehicle, apart from minor disassembly where necessary, such as removing the wheels, spark plugs or other easily accessible

components. For this reason, hidden issues or additional parts requirements may only become apparent later in the restoration, once individual systems and components have been dismantled.

3. **Cost Estimate and Decision:** Based on the results of the Vehicle Condition Assessment, we prepare a detailed project estimate covering the expected labour hours, parts costs and subcontracted work. Taking into account the condition of the car, the anticipated costs and your requirements, we also recommend the appropriate technical scope and direction for the restoration. The estimate is not a fixed final price. It is refined throughout the restoration as the vehicle is dismantled and individual systems undergo more detailed inspection and diagnosis. Once you receive the estimate, we give you time to review it before discussing the next steps with you by phone. The Vehicle Condition Assessment fee is then invoiced. If you commission the restoration with us **within 15 days of receiving the cost estimate**, we will **credit HUF 50,000 (140 EUR, calculated at 355 Ft/Eur)** cost of the project.
4. **Contract and Project Initiation:** Once you are happy with the scope of the project, we enter into a written agreement that clearly sets out the terms of our cooperation. Following the signing of the contract, a project initiation fee becomes payable. This covers the professional and administrative preparation of the project, planning the work packages and key decision points, setting up the core project documentation, and reserving the necessary workshop capacity. Once the contract has been signed and the project initiation fee paid, your project is assigned its confirmed position on our waiting list.
5. **Waiting Period and Optional Storage:** Our workshop operates at full capacity, so we provide an estimated start window for each new project. Due to unforeseen technical issues on ongoing restorations, as well as lead times for parts and subcontracted work, it is not always possible to confirm an exact start date in advance. If your car is already with us, we can provide **outdoor storage until the project begins for HUF 19,500 (55 EUR, calculated at 355 Ft/EUR) gross per month**. Storage is optional; where practical, the car can remain with you until work is ready to begin.
6. **Project Start and the First Phase:** The first phase of the restoration involves the professional disassembly of the vehicle and a detailed diagnosis of its individual systems. For us, disassembly means much more than simply taking the car apart. Components and systems are cleaned as necessary, then carefully inspected and documented. This also gives us access to areas that could not be properly assessed during the initial Vehicle Condition Assessment. At this stage, hidden defects, wear or additional parts requirements may come to light that were not previously visible. Based on the findings, we update the work list, parts list and, where necessary, the project cost estimate. Any new or revised items are discussed with you, and significant additional work or parts purchases are only authorised once we have received your approval.

7. **Parts Procurement:** Once the parts list has been finalised based on the detailed diagnosis, we begin sourcing the required components. Before placing any orders, we invoice the estimated cost of the parts as an advance payment. Orders are placed once the advance payment has been received.
8. **Restoration Work and Project Management:** We coordinate the entire restoration process, including work carried out in our own workshop, parts procurement and any work performed by subcontractors. For subcontracted work, our role goes beyond coordination. Where necessary, we provide technical support, prepare and make the required engineering decisions, research the appropriate solutions, and inspect the completed work to ensure it meets the requirements of the project.
9. **Documentation and Transparency:** We document the entire project in detail. Every car has its own online Google Drive folder, where you can follow the progress through photos, videos, parts lists and itemised labour records. It is important to us that you receive more than just documentation — we want you to have a clear understanding of what is happening with your car throughout the project. We are available by phone and message during working hours, and you are also welcome to visit the workshop and see the project in person by prior arrangement. If you are unable to visit us, we can arrange a video call and show you the current condition of the car directly from the workshop. This transparency also extends to costs. We want you to be able to see not only what is happening with your car, but also where your money is being spent, how much has been invested, and how the project is progressing against the cost estimate.
10. **Monthly Billing and Cost Tracking:** Each month, we provide a summary of the work completed, parts purchased and used, and any subcontractor costs. Based on this, we update the financial status of the project and the cost estimate, allowing you to continuously track how the project is progressing against the planned budget. Invoices are issued monthly with an 8-day payment term. Our aim is to keep the financial side of the project clear and transparent throughout the restoration, so you are not faced with unexpected costs at the end.
11. **Assembly, Inspection, Testing and Handover:** Once the restored and rebuilt systems have been assembled, we carry out all necessary adjustments and functional checks. Every car then undergoes thorough testing, which, depending on the scope of the project, may include several hundred kilometres of road testing. During this process, we evaluate the car under a variety of real-world operating conditions, including cold starts, urban and country-road driving, motorway use and, where appropriate, braking and other load tests. Our goal is not simply to complete the car, but to ensure that it proves its proper operation and reliability in real-world use. The vehicle can be collected once testing has been successfully completed and the project account has been settled in full.

Important Information

Originality and Value Preservation

With classic cars, every technical decision is made with the vehicle's originality, historical value and the owner's goals in mind. Wherever technically feasible and safe, we prefer to preserve and professionally restore original components rather than replace them unnecessarily. If the owner's goal is to improve the car's usability or technical capabilities, we can also design and implement modernisation and restomod solutions using an engineering-led approach. Any significant modification that may affect the car's originality or value is only carried out after prior consultation and approval.

Parts Procurement

We handle the entire parts procurement process ourselves and do not work with customer-supplied parts. In every case, we research suitable components for the vehicle, prioritising quality wherever possible while also identifying the most favourable sourcing option. We also assess whether restoring the existing component, sourcing a high-quality used part or purchasing a new replacement represents the best solution for the project.

For classic cars, sourcing the right parts often requires considerable research, specialist knowledge and time. Our parts prices therefore include the work involved in sourcing them, as well as shipping and, where applicable, customs costs.

We aim to make the parts prices included in our cost estimates as accurate as possible. However, with rare or difficult-to-source components, the originally identified supplier may no longer have the part available, or it may only be obtainable at a higher price. If there is a significant change in price, we will always discuss it with you before placing the order.

We keep parts procurement under our own control because selecting the correct component, checking it, managing logistics and handling any potential warranty claims or returns are all part of maintaining the quality of the project. The same principle applies to subcontracted work: we select and coordinate the required specialists and inspect the completed work, ensuring that responsibility for the complete project remains with us.

Fees and Payment Terms

Project Initiation Fee

We manage every project using a dedicated project management system specifically designed for restoration work. At the beginning of each project, we create its structure, record the known tasks, work packages and key decision points, and set up the documentation and tracking required throughout the restoration. This

involves a significant amount of one-off preparation, which is covered by the project initiation fee.

The project initiation fees are:

- Full restoration: HUF 185,000 (521 EUR, calculated at 355 Ft/EUR)
- Partial restoration / major service project: HUF 92,500 (261 EUR, calculated at 355 Ft/EUR)
- Smaller service project: HUF 46,250 (131 EUR, calculated at 355 Ft/EUR)

The project initiation fee is a one-time fixed fee and also secures the necessary workshop capacity. Once the contract has been signed and the project initiation fee has been paid, your project is assigned its confirmed position on our waiting list.

Hourly Rate and Labour Tracking

Our work is billed on an hourly basis. Working time is recorded in 15-minute increments, and we only charge for work actually carried out. Our current gross hourly rate is HUF 23,400 (66 EUR, calculated at 355 Ft/EUR) per hour.

Invoicing and Payment Terms

Throughout the project, completed work, parts and subcontractor costs are invoiced monthly. Invoices are issued at the beginning of each month for the work and costs incurred during the previous month, with an 8-day payment term.

The Vehicle Condition Assessment fee becomes payable once the cost estimate has been prepared. The project initiation fee is due after the contract has been signed and must be paid to confirm the project's position on our waiting list. Any applicable storage fees are invoiced monthly. In the event of late payment, the project will be placed on hold and work will resume once all outstanding amounts have been settled.

The completed vehicle can be collected once the project has been concluded and the account has been settled in full.

Warranty

We provide a minimum 6-month warranty on the work we carry out. For larger restoration projects, we provide a longer warranty period, which is determined individually for each project.

We cannot accept liability for damage caused by manufacturing defects in parts. We inspect the quality of all incoming components; however, some hidden defects may not be detectable during the initial inspection.

Please also note that our workshop carries professional liability insurance.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why can't you tell me exactly when the car will be finished and how much it will cost?

When repairing and restoring classic cars, hidden issues often only become apparent once the vehicle has been dismantled. These problems simply cannot always be identified in advance. Parts availability and lead times can also be unpredictable. A part may appear to be available to order but turn out to be out of stock, or the expected delivery time may only become clear after the order has been placed. Some manufacturers produce rare components only once they have received a sufficient number of orders, meaning that sourcing certain parts can take several months.

For these reasons, at the beginning of the project we can provide an estimated completion timeframe and cost estimate. Given the uncertainties involved, however, it would not be responsible to promise a fixed final price or an exact completion date.

I don't want to sign a contract. Can't you just do the work and I'll pay for it?

We carry out every project under a written agreement. This protects both parties and clearly defines the scope of the work, payment terms, documentation, warranty and responsibilities, among other important aspects of the project.

If there is anything in the agreement that you do not agree with, let us know — we are open to discussing it. However, we cannot begin work without a signed agreement.

I don't need an invoice. Can I pay without VAT?

No. Widi Automotive operates as a registered business, and we issue an invoice for all payments we receive. We do not undertake work without an invoice.

Our aim is not to be the cheapest restoration workshop. Our pricing reflects a professional service built around predictable and transparent processes, detailed documentation, regular communication, warranty coverage and high standards of workmanship.

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