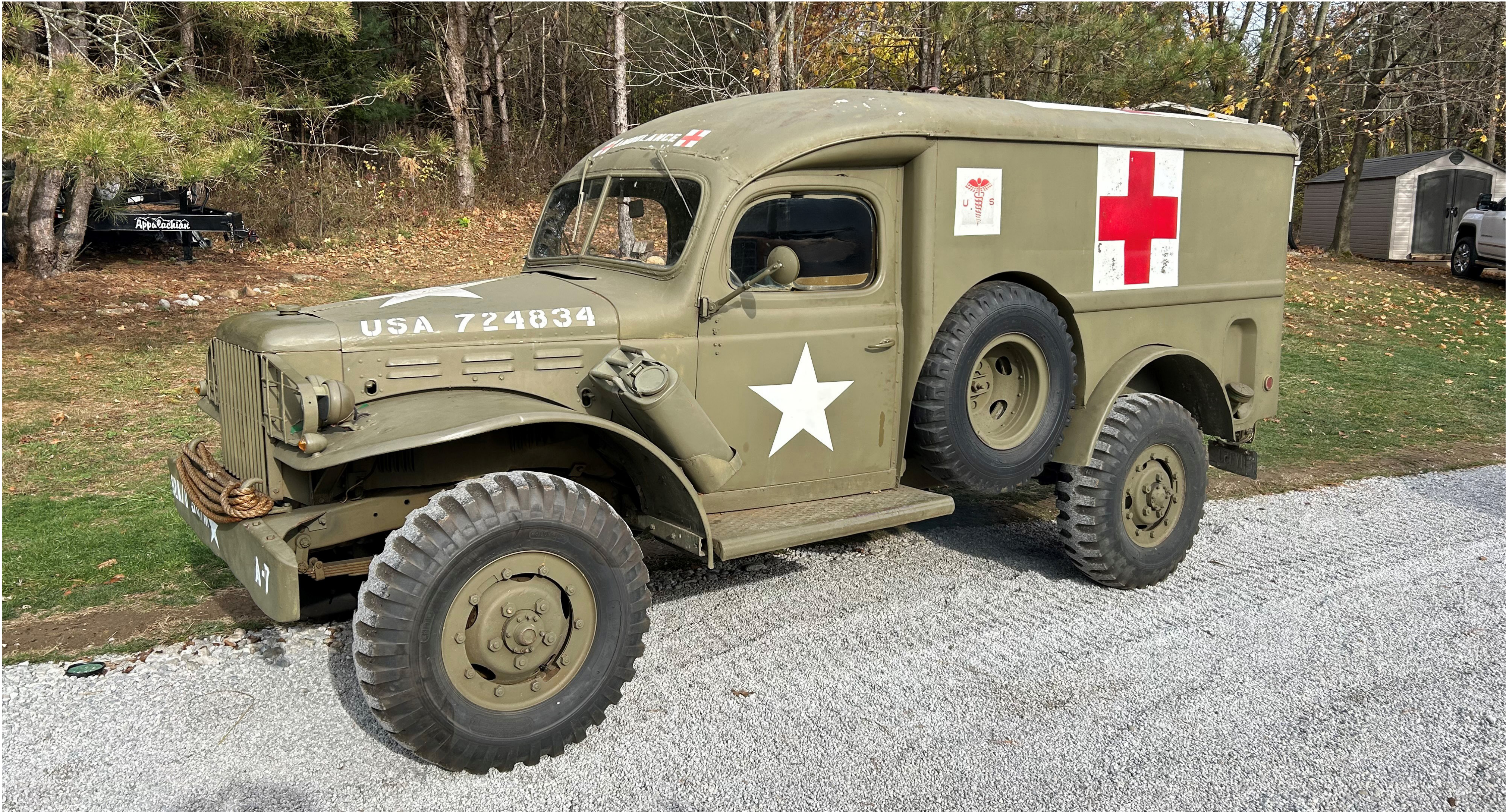


DODGE WC-54

3/4 TON AMBULANCE



The Dodge WC-54 was a military ambulance used by the U.S. Army during World War II. Built on the Dodge 3/4 WC series chassis, it was designed to transport wounded soldiers from the battlefield to medical facilities. The vehicle had a distinctive boxy appearance, with a spacious rear compartment that was equipped to carry up to four patients on stretchers. Its ability to traverse rough terrain and its reliability in various conditions made it a crucial asset for wartime medical evacuations. Powered by a six-cylinder engine, the WC-54 could reach speeds of up to 50 miles per hour, allowing it to move quickly between the front lines and field hospitals.

The Dodge WC-54 played a vital role in saving countless lives during the war. Its rear compartment was outfitted with medical supplies, including stretchers, first-aid kits, and tools for administering basic field care. The vehicle’s large, easily accessible doors allowed for quick loading & unloading of casualties. Often recognized for its red cross markings, the WC-54 was an essential part of the U.S. Army’s medical corps, providing essential evacuation services under dangerous conditions. After the war, many of these ambulances were sold as surplus and repurposed for civilian use, but they remain a symbol of wartime medical innovation & service.

This particular truck is a 1943 model which served during the war in the European theater. Following Germany’s surrender, it was sold to the Netherlands, where it served in the Dutch Army for a period of time. During its tenure there, all data and informational plates in the cab were converted to the Dutch language, as they remain today. When they retired it from military service, it was purchased and returned to the states, where it saw service as a utility truck with a plumbing company. It was eventually returned to its original ambulance configuration in the early 2000’s, and has since been a fixture at military shows and events.

TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Manufacturer.....	Dodge	Length.....	197 in	Fuel Capacity	20 gallons
Model	WC-54	Width	85 in	Brakes	Hydraulic drum brakes
Engine Type	6-cylinder, L-head engine	Height	89 in	Suspension.....	Leaf spring suspension
Displacement.....	230 cubic inches	Inside Body Length.....	120 in	Tires	7.50-16 (military-grade)
Horsepower.....	Approximately 92 horsepower	Payload Capacity.....	1,500 lbs	Markings.....	Red Cross insignia
Transmission.....	4-speed manual	Tow Capacity	Up to 4,000 lbs		
Drive Type.....	4x4 (four-wheel drive)	Top Speed	50 mph (80 km/h)		
Wheelbase	122 inches	Range.....	~ 200 miles on a full tank		

