



FERRUCCIO LAMBORGHINI'S CAR IN PADOVA FOR TOURING SUPERLEGGERA'S 90TH BIRTHDAY.

- **Preview of Ferruccio Lamborghini's own Lamborghini 350GT, perfectly restored by Touring Superleggera Classic.**
- **The car, used by Ferruccio as a mule, was saved from undeserved transformation in the USA and brought to its birthplace in Milano to be restored from the ground up.**

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The 33rd "Auto e Moto d'Epoca di Padova" show is the perfect setting for the preview of the masterpiece restoration completed by the Milanese Classic team as part of its 90th anniversary celebrations: the 1965 LAMBORGHINI 350GT owned by Ferruccio Lamborghini.

The founder of "Automobili Lamborghini" kept this car for his personal use, testing it in all possible circumstances, and using it as basis for the improvements, both in reliability and performance, which were later applied to the 400GT model. The winding roads around Sant'Agata Bolognese became the trial grounds for the first Lamborghini car, and this particular example was equipped with a 4 litre engine which heralded the 400GT's one. The gearbox, the transmission shaft and the differential all underwent the same process, modified to Ferruccio's exacting requirements.

Today the LAMBORGHINI 350GT has returned to its original splendour thanks to Touring Superleggera Classic and is now ready to hurtle through those same winding road.

"By commissioning to Touring the design and manufacture of the 350GT in the early 1960's Lamborghini gave tremendous support to our development. I am glad we got a chance to return the favour bringing to life again Ferruccio's personal car in the year of his 100th birthday and our 90th anniversary." Piero Mancardi, CEO of Touring Superleggera.

"Made in Italy" restoration.

Over two years of work were required to bring the car back to its original condition. The result is in line with Touring Superleggera's exacting standard which includes in-depth knowledge of both the period construction methods, and the Superleggera system which made the company famous.

"The owner entrusted us with this Lamborghini 350GT because this car has an exceptional intrinsic historical value. Initially the challenge seemed impossible to complete with a car which was badly damaged, had been abandoned for years and was missing quite a few parts. Our knowledge of the model, alongside the amazing capabilities of our team, allowed us to deliver a final product we are exceptionally proud of." Andrea Dragoni, Head Touring Classic and Project Manager.

After disassembling and removing the rear-end of the car and sectioning the front end, all the non-original or damaged body parts were removed, leaving a naked structure. Then a high pressure water stripping (a

similar yet more delicate and precise technique than sandblasting) and an audit of the chassis on a jig platform revealed the true state of the bodywork panels.

The back and the top sections of the Superleggera tube frame supporting the missing skin, the aluminium bonnet and hood had to be reconstructed. The work continued with the complete reconstruction of the body shell, the moving parts, the trim, and the wiring harness.

Next came the restoration of the leather seats and interior and the painting of the car in its original colour. The final step was the assembly and the functional and aesthetic validation.

1965 LAMBORGHINI 350GT Touring – chassis #265.

The 350 GT was Lamborghini's first series production model. A total of 120 cars were built from 1964 to 1968.

When Ferruccio Lamborghini presented his prototype, the 350 GTV, at the 1963 Salone di Torino, he was determined to become a leading character in the exclusive sports car manufacturer realm. The car had impressive mechanical characteristics but Franco Scaglione's very original design was mildly received. Lamborghini therefore turned to Touring Superleggera for a complete redesign.

The innovative inverted shape A-pillar and the overall layout were kept from Scaglione's design. The new shape, moving away from the current fashion, allowed the head lights to characterize the front end of the car rather than the radiator grille. The resulting model was extremely well balanced and elegant and helped Lamborghini gaining a foothold among the established granturismo brands.

The first 350GT was delivered to the customer in July 1964 with chassis number 104 and engine number 17004. The car restored by Touring Superleggera was produced between September and October 1965 with chassis number 265.

Later the car was sold in the USA where the owner tried to convert it with pieces from other models. A project which thankfully was never completed.

The current owner discovered that #265 was Ferruccio's personal car and decided that Touring, where the original bodywork had been developed and produced, would restore the car.

Touring Superleggera certified restoration.

As with all the cars restored in Touring Superleggera's Milan plant, the Lamborghini 350GT holds a certificate which guarantees a restoration in accordance with best practices, adhering to period construction rules. This implies extensive historical research, original spare parts or parts produced *ad hoc* based on the original design specs, authentic or compatible construction and painting methods.

If the car is a Touring design, the certificate will extend to the full respect of the authentic design, shape, size and details. The certificate will add further value to the priceless cars carrying the Touring emblem.

Auto e Moto d'Epoca Padova, Hall 1.

We would like to highlight the presentation of Giovanni Bianchi Anderloni's new book "Carrozzeria Touring Superleggera" on Thursday 20th October at 12.00, alongside the exposition of some of Touring's most significant models in "Hall 3".

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