

CLASSIC DRIVER



1998 Ferrari 550 Maranello

Lot sold	USD 125 082 - 138 980 GBP 90 000 - 100 000 (listed)	Lenkung	Rechts
Baujahr	1998	Zustand	Gebraucht
Getriebe	Schaltgetriebe	Standort	
Chassisnummer	ZFFZR49C00011326	Kraftstoff	Benzin
Zahl der Sitze	2	Außenfarbe	Sonstige
Antrieb	Zweirad	Automobiltyp	Sonstige
Losnummer	306	Motornummer	50686
		Markenfarbe außen	Red
		Markenfarbe innen	Crema

Beschreibung

Guide price: ??90000 - ??100000.

- UK-supplied, RHD, 21,000 miles backed up by a complete and documented maintenance history
 - Timeless Ferrari colour combination with virtually unmarked Rosso Corsa paintwork and Crema leather upholstery
 - Original Ferrari book-pack, tool kit, car cover and a large history folder with a wealth of service history
 - One of the best we have seen, if a 550 Maranello has been on your radar, now is the time for action
- Firmly placed in Ferrari's history as one of their finest modern-era big GTs, the 550 Maranello's combination of elegant lines and legendary front mounted 12-cylinder engine, meant that these cars had the potential to become instant classics. Following in the footsteps and sharing the DNA of the 365 GTB/4 'Daytona', the 550 Maranello is inevitably compared to its forbear, however, few front-engined Ferraris have justified that comparison quite like the 550 Maranello. Styled by Pininfarina, like its illustrious predecessor, the new car was similarly proportioned, adopting the classical combination

of long bonnet, small cabin and a truncated tail. Classic Ferrari styling cues include a bonnet air scoop and hot air outlets behind the front wheel-arches recalling the great Competizione Ferraris of the past, whilst the rear incorporates Ferrari's characteristic twin circular lights. The heart of any Ferrari is its engine, and the Maranello's 48-valve, 5.5-litre V12 developed 485bhp at 7,000rpm. The power-train was housed in a tubular steel chassis, clothed in aluminium coachwork, while the all-independent suspension incorporated dual-mode (normal/sports) damping, switch-selectable by the driver, which was complemented by speed-sensitive power-assisted steering. The six-speed manual gearbox complements a slightly more even torque curve ensuring that the power delivery was a little less frenetic, whilst excellent weight distribution and delightful road manners make the 550 a truly refined driving machine, whilst still capable of almost 200 mph. With styling that is ageing particularly well, a high-quality cabin, generous stowage, and an enormous 100-litre-plus fuel tank, the 550 Maranello really is the consummate 'European Grand Tourer' in the true Ferrari mould. This UK-supplied, right-hand-drive Ferrari 550 Maranello was delivered new on the 01/08/98 to Mr Douglas Hall, a director of Newcastle United Football Club, tastefully specified in the classic and timeless colour combination of Rosso Corsa and Crema leather with Bordeaux carpets. Clearly, this example has been well cared for over the years as the service record is full and complete, backed up by a wealth of invoices from main agents or highly regarded Ferrari marque specialist. The Ferrari leather bound book-pack is present containing the original stamped service book and operator manuals, the tool kit is complete, and the car will also be accompanied by its original Ferrari car cover. Having covered just 21,000 miles, the 550 still presents beautifully, the paintwork retains a deep gloss and the interior is excellent, as you would expect from a Ferrari of this era and low mileage. The V12 fires into life with the very first turn of the key and produces a very pleasing exhaust note and our vendor informs us that the car drives very well and has only required routine maintenance during his ownership. Overall this is a delightful Ferrari, well maintained and stored correctly. To summarise, this is a lovely example of the last of these hand-built Ferraris in timeless colours, with manual transmission, low use, and a full and complete service record. On offer at a realistic guide, these capable GTs rarely come to market in such good order and this could be an opportunity not to be missed. *Please contact our office to request further information such as a full breakdown of the car's service record or, if you are new to purchasing from an auction, to find out more on how to register to bid on this Lot.

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