

CLASSIC DRIVER



1997 Ferrari F355 - Spider

Spider

Lot sold	USD 0	Lenkung	Rechts
Baujahr	1997	Zustand	Gebraucht
Losnummer	317	Standort	
		Außenfarbe	Sonstige
		Automobiltyp	Sonstige

Beschreibung

- Offered from the Ming Collection
- Exceptionally preserved; driven only 704 miles
- Includes all factory tools, manuals, and air compressor
- Regularly serviced

The Ferrari F355 was a rear mid-engine sports car for a different generation. Tucked behind its passenger compartment sat a 3.5-liter version of the Dino-racing-program-derived V-8 with a new five-valve cylinder head. Power output grew over its 348 predecessor to 375 horsepower, managed by the Bosch Motronic engine management system. The latest Motronic system ensured that the car would be as docile in urban driving as it would be voracious at covering ground at speed. A six-speed manual transmission was standard, while Ferrari's F1 automated manual was optional.

Further recognizing that its owners valued the ability to comfortably arrive in style just as much as they wanted to vault down the autostrada, Ferrari also fitted the car with two-mode adjustable dampers. Newly standard power-assisted steering was praised for its road feel, and it worked well with the staggered 18-inch tires wrapped in Pirelli rubber. The wind-tunnel-honed profile didn't look much different from the 348 in profile, and yet it was refined to an exceptional degree. The F355's clean detailing retained the hidden pop-up headlights for one more generation, pairing them with softer lines and characteristic intakes integrated into the doors.

A year after the berlinetta was introduced, the F355 Spider bowed with a lined fabric top that was, for

the first time, powered at the tap of a button. Approximately 4,900 were built, 3,829 of which were fitted with the manual transmission.

This F355 Spider, equipped with the desirable six-speed manual gearbox, was originally delivered to Steve Harris Imports of Salt Lake City, Utah, on 11 January 1997. It was subsequently acquired by a dentist in 1999 with just 688 miles on its odometer. Originally finished in Rosso Corsa over tan Connolly hides, this example was lovingly preserved by its previous owner. The car was sold to the Ming Collection with just three additional miles showing in 2007. Both owners shared a goal of owning the finest, best-preserved example of the F355 imaginable.

During its time in the Ming Collection, the F355 has been kept to an almost unimaginably high standard and is now offered in spectacularly original condition with just a handful of miles added as a result of routine servicing. The sale includes the owner's manuals with leather folio, air compressor, and factory tools in a leather case that fits neatly under the front trunk. To view this car and others currently consigned to this auction, please visit the RM website at rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/mo19.

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