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In the torrential rain of the Eifel mountains' notoriously changeable climate, bidding on one of the final lots of the sale - the **1985 Ferrari 288GTO** - sold for 239,000 euros, including commission, to a young UK bidder building up a Ferrari collection.

Other lots to fetch around 200,000 euros were the **1991 Jaguar XJR -15 Coupe** (197,200 euros) and the **1971 Lamborghini Miura SV** built with the standard bodywork of the SV, but the mechanical specification of the Miura Jota - including dry sump lubrication. After a four-way telephone battle, the Miura fetched

195,000 euros.

Another very special Lamborghini, the **1967 400GT**, had recently been factory-restored at a cost of 107,000 euros: which makes the selling price of 125,700 seem something of a bargain! At the more affordable end of the market, the buyer of the rally-prepared **Porsche 356B Super 90** also did very well for himself, when he acquired the car for just 22,425 euros. Not a lot of money to pay for a car like this, offered in extremely good condition. It was less than the outstanding price achieved for Europe's oldest turbo-charged production car, a **1974 BMW 2002 Turbo (chassis no. 2)**, for which a German enthusiast paid 26,450 euros.





In the automobilia section, there was some fierce competition among bidders: take the 1,495 euros paid for a quantity of Ferrari press and publicity material - against an estimate of just 180 to 200 euros!

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