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## [Auction Review - Coys at Techno Classica Essen 12th April 2003](#)

With a figure of just over 50% of the car lots reported sold by Coys at their Essen 'Techno Classica' auction last month, this could be interpreted as a fair reflection of the slow trading climate at this event; and perhaps in mainland Europe as a whole. Competition cars were a sub-theme and once again eligibility for the world's top events, faultless provenance (and sensible reserve) governed their sale price.



A completely original **1967 Porsche 910**, raced and hill-climbed in the 1969 - 71 season by Italian driver Ennio Bonomelli, achieved the highest price - €320,000 reflecting its eligibility for the Le Mans Classic as well as the Tour Auto. The **1955 Porsche 550 Spyder**, expected to go for big money did not sell, while the **1956 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint Veloce**, an FIA race-car, went for double its estimate - €30,000. Very nice too and still an excellent purchase, ready to race and eligible for a lot of events.

Whether the **1965 Bizzarini 5300GT** will be converted to a race car is not known. Perhaps it would be a shame as its catalogue photo shows it to be a fine example and road legal but at a hammer price of €180,000 it would give a potential Tour Auto entrant a SWB-eating machine at small-change money.

The **1992 Jaguar XJ220** did not sell, nor did any of the Ferraris entered. However some useful prices were achieved for American 1930s excess in the form of a **1937 Cord 812** (€80,000), a **1931 Auburn Speedster** (€65,000) and a **1934 Packard 8 Cylinder Coupe** (€53,000).

Finally the **1963 Simca Abarth 1300 GT Coupe**, your author's favourite, went for a very respectable €52,243 - some €10,000 over top estimate.

For a full listing, see the [Provisional Auction Results](#).

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