

CLASSIC DRIVER

The Sportscar Auction Geneva



Held as part of the inaugural Geneva Classics exhibition, just over 60 cars (and 'planes and motorcycles) will be sold by the Sportscar Auction Company Ltd. With an entry that includes cars from Aston Martin, Maserati and Alfa Romeo, top billing must go to the [1961 Ferrari Ferrari GT SWB](#) at CHF 1,950,000 - 2,200,000.



These cars need little introduction, suffice to say that although a 'Lusso' from new this particular chassis has been raced in-period as well as more recently including entries at the 2004 and 2006 Le Mans Classic. Included in the sale of this car is a new and genuine 250 SWB engine block of the type 168, delivered early 2006 by Ferrari Classiche in Maranello, allowing the new owner to put the engine back to its original 250 SWB configuration as delivered and fitted by the factory in 1961.



Prices of original Cobras have increased tremendously in recent years and interest will be high on the [1965 AC Cobra 427](#), estimated at CHF 490,000 - 560,000. Interestingly this early car was the first to be delivered with the 7,5" "Sunburst" alloy wheels, designed by Pete Brock and comes complete in its original colour scheme of red with black interior. This car has been entered in several concours but for a real head-turner, look no further than the next lot...



...the [1953 Fiat 8V Ghia "Supersonic"](#) at CHF 480,000 - 650,000. This car has been shown at the Bagatelle

Concours d'Elegance and represents that exciting 1950s era of 'space travel' inspired styling. Its competition-proved V8 and 5-speed Alfa Romeo gearbox provides the accompanying 'rocket ship' performance.



A little over 10 years later and another Italian company was making some jewel-like 'baby Ferraris', however the project never realised its founders expectations. The [1965 ASA 1000 GT](#), CHF 75,000 - 95,000, was intended to provide small-capacity motoring combined with very high performance. The 1,000cc cars were capable of 185 km/h, but with the economics never really working out were only produced in limited numbers – and are now valued accordingly.



With racing and road car technology moving on apace it's remarkable to consider how advanced the [1978 BMW M1 Procar](#), CHF 450,000 - 550,000, is compared with models of the previous decade. This particular

car is the first of all Procars ever built by the BMW factory (Race department) in Munich after the last prototype (chassis 4301 007) and the only pre-production model ever built. It's never been raced, living its early life as a show car but now comes complete for entry to events like the Le Mans Classic.



Of the other entries, there's a nice [1947 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS Cabriolet](#), CHF 300,000 - 370,000, a [1962 Lancia Flaminia 'Double Bubble' Sport Zagato](#) at CHF 150,000 - 180,000 and a 1952 [Aston Martin DB 2 Coupé](#), CHF 120,000 - 160,000, in its original French grey livery and red trim with grey piping.



But it's not all cars, buying a catalogue allows bidding on several motorcycles and aircraft including a [1941 North American B-25 'Mitchell' medium bomber](#) at CHF 800,000 - 950,000.

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