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## The Sportscar Auction Geneva 7th October 2006 - Review



As expected, the most expensive car sold at the recent Geneva sale was the 1961 Ferrari 250GT SWB - for SFR 2,222,000, that's around £945,000 or US\$1.75m. That apart, the nicely designed catalogue and high standard of saleroom presentation meant that exactly 50% of the entries were sold, and some like the 1962 Lancia Flaminia Sport Zagato, at SFR224,000, for significant sums.

The saleroom took up a large part of the exhibition hall (with the aeroplane entries, none of which sold, sitting on an adjacent Geneva airport runway) and pride of place naturally went to the Ferrari, a 'Lusso' car that had seen competition in-period and was now prepared for modern day historic racing. Not 'matching numbers' but nevertheless very desirable, the price was fair to both sides.





The **1953 Fiat 8V Ghia "Supersonic"** sold well for SFR570,900, as did the **1965 AC Cobra 427** at SFR534,800 showing just how much in demand these cars are now. Another good price was the SFR129,700 for the **1952 Aston Martin DB 2 Coupé**, a pale grey car that looked better in the metal than on paper.

A few non-sellers of the cars we previewed included the **1978 BMW M 1 Procar** and the **1947 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS Cabriolet** however the rare **1965 ASA 1000 GT** did, just at its bottom-estimate of SFR 70,700.





Collectors of more recent exotic classic cars would be intrigued to note the prices of the **1986 Lamborghini** Jalpa P 350 Targa (SFR62,200), the **1988 Ferrari 328GTS** (SFR55,400) and the **1996 Aston Martin** Virage Volante (SFR113,000), while 12-cylinder Ferrari enthusiasts having missed out first on 275GTBs and now 365GTB/4 'Daytonas' will be looking at the SFR85,900 (that's EURO 54,000 or £37,200) achieved for the **1977 Ferrari 512BB** with interest.



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