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## Spyder California and F40 - three decades of Ferrari brilliance



**Ferrari has rarely been anywhere but at the top of its game but from the late 50s to the 90s it produced a succession of truly iconic motor cars for the world's super-rich. Geneva-based consultants Kidston SA have recently announced two new Private Treaty Sales that each personify their era, representing the best of their type.**

A star in long-wheelbase form at the recent Monterey auctions, the **1963 Ferrari 250GT Spyder California** is one of 55 later cars built on the more desirable 2.4m wheelbase of the 'SWB' street/ racing car. The Pininfarina-styled two seater convertible, finished in its original **Verde** as a nice alternative to the usual Rosso Corsa, was originally delivered to British top model and socialite **Nina Dyer**, titled **HRH Princess Nina Khan** as the wife of **Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan**, the Geneva-based international statesman.

After the (unsurprisingly) short marriage ended, the Ferrari - which had been a familiar sight with the princess around Paris - was sold but remained in France until acquired by its fifth and last (French) owner, on behalf of whose estate **Kidston SA** offers it for sale.

With an unusual colour, gorgeous styling, exotic previous ownership and race-track-derived performance, US Ferrari historian **Alan Boe** believes chassis 4095 GT "is one of the best SWB Californias ever built".



The second Ferrari defined the era of 1980s supercar excess - the 478bhp (but almost infinitely tuneable) **F40**. Complete with the appropriate UK registration plate 'F40 AUM' this twin-turbo pre-catalyst example was built at the end of 1989 and, like all F40s, was finished in **Rosso Ferrari** with the model's trademark red Nomex-covered seats and carbonfibre interior. It always lived in the UK where it has been maintained only by **official Ferrari agents**, including a recent cambelt change

It has covered just 18,000km from new, and even comes with rare **fitted tan leather luggage**, plus a massive history folder detailing every year of its life. It's the perfect car for a trip to the **Finali Mondiali** this October in Mugello, and remember, only pre-catalyst F40s emit flames from the exhaust on the over-run!

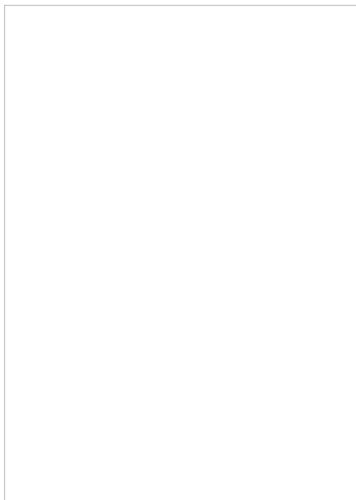
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