
1971 Alfa Romeo Tipo 33/3: ex-Targa Florio Car Comes to Market

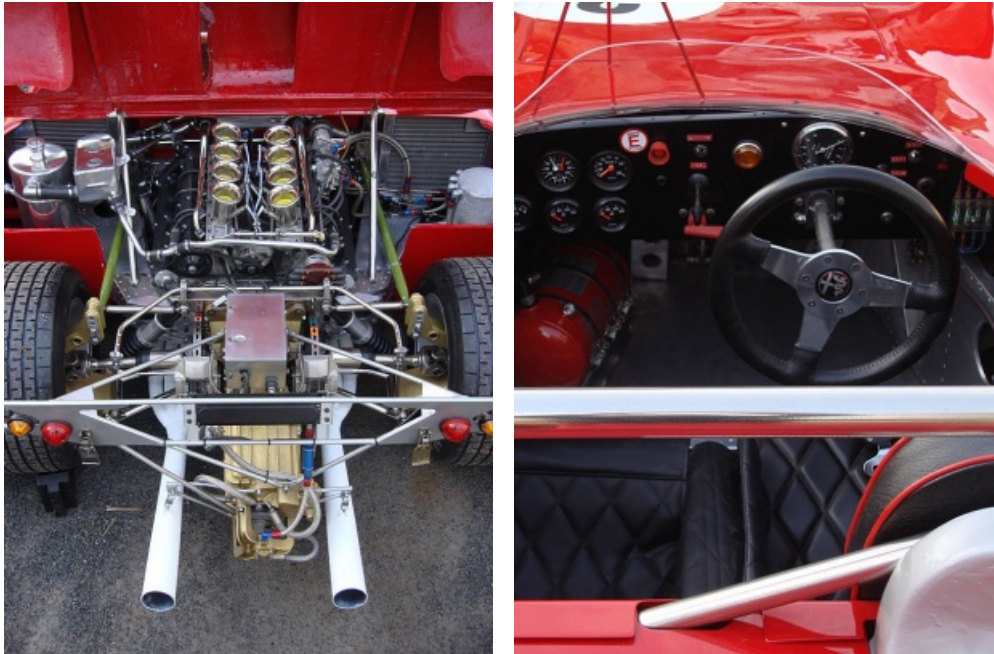
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In 1971, while Ferrari decided on a single-entry 312PB manned by Grand Prix drivers, arch-rival Alfa Romeo fielded a multi-car team with quick, experienced long-distance experts. The result? 3-0 in overall wins to Alfa Romeo.

The Milanese company, through its racing offshoot **Autodelta**, had developed the monocoque, 3-litre V8 33/3 into a handy package for the 1971 season, the last in which the mighty **Ferrari 512s** and **Porsche 917s** were eligible to race. Smaller wheels and a squarer front meant it was now more similar to the super-lightweight, but less powerful, **Porsche 908/3**.

At the classic 'big' circuits such as **Spa, Monza** and **Le Mans**, nothing was going to stop the 5-litre cars but, on a course such as the **Targa Florio**, the more nimble, open two-seaters were in their element.



While **Ferrari's 312PB** proved incredibly fast, bad luck or unreliability meant it rarely finished a race. So, when the 917s failed or the circuit was just too twisty, the **Alfas** performed very strongly, with overall wins at the **Targa, Brands Hatch** and **Watkins Glen**. The company also won the Prototype class in every race entered except one: the **Nürburgring 1000km**, Porsche's home ground.

The car you see here is just one of a dozen-or-so Tipo 33/3s available to **Autodelta** for the 1971 season. In the hands of **van Lennep/de Adamich** it finished an impressive 2nd overall in that year's **Targa Florio** race.



The British specialist car dealer **Martin Chisholm Collectors Cars** is now marketing this car, chassis **AR 75080-019**, complete with original correspondence and notes from **Autodelta** test driver **Teodoro Zeccoli**.

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