
Cars we love: 'Ferrari' 246 Dino

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Everywhere you look, you find the 'Ferrari' 246 Dino for sale at ever-increasing prices. The car once scorned by Enzo, who wouldn't even agree to its wearing a Ferrari badge, is more popular than ever - and quite right too.

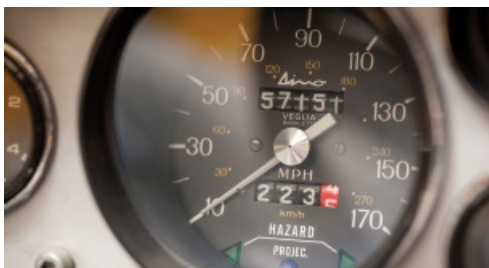
Once scorned, now loved





The concept of a small, lightweight, mid-engined sports car with a V6 engine at its heart is, in retrospect, a milestone in the history of the brand. And for some, the Dino is one of the most beautiful sports cars ever designed. Women in particular find the two-seater sexy, or so we were told [earlier this year by a model expert](#). Thankfully, the [246 Dino](#) is not just a pretty face, but also a good driving machine. The chassis is well-balanced and the weight perfectly distributed thanks to the mid-mounted engine. True, the sound of the 2.4-litre V6 is rather underwhelming, and the low seating position gives you the feeling of being in one of the early [Ferrari](#) prototypes. Nevertheless, the Dino is a classic well-suited to everyday use.

Sale-toppers in 2014



Anyone who follows the auction scene is likely to remember some significant results for Dinos this year. Such as the mid-October sale of a [1972 Ferrari Dino 246 GT](#) from the estate of F1 driver Harald Ertl that went for 330,000 euros; or what about the ex-Keith Richards Dino that sold at auction in Monaco last May for 249,400 euros? In March, RM Auctions dropped the hammer in Amelia Island on a silver 246 GT from the model's final year of production for 429,000 US dollars (345,000 euros), while Gooding took 627,000 US dollars (500,000 euros) for a 1972 'Chairs & Flares' Dino.

More to come in 2015



More Dinos, such as the [1974 246 GTS](#) shown here, have already been entered for the major auction week that takes place in Arizona early next year – with an expectation of new price levels, too. If you have a bit of a crush on the Dino, don't wait too much longer to buy one.

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