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Behind-the-scenes bathtime with a Ferrari 212 Barchetta

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Ever wondered how blue-chip collector cars are prepared before an event appearance? We came across this Ferrari 212 Export Barchetta undergoing a final detailing session outside Fiskens, ahead of being loaded onto the trailer for its reveal at last week's *Rétromobile*...



Only 27 examples of the 212 Export were produced in the early 50s, [this example](#) being one of only a few Touring-bodied Barchettas. Add to its rarity a Classiche certificate and both Hollywood *and* Mille Miglia provenance, and you have a certified blue-chip classic – hence the level of preparation ahead of its *Rétromobile* appearance, administered by star detailer Richard Tipper. The car is now back at [Fiskens](#)’ London showroom, no doubt gleaming just as resplendently as it did on its Parisian debut.

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