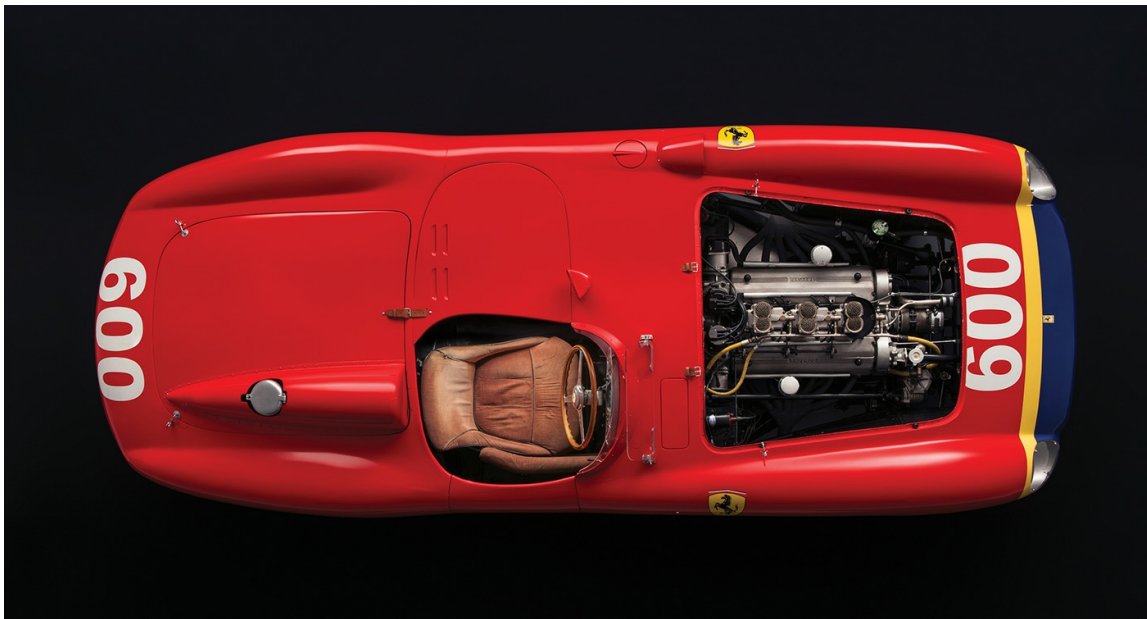


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RM Sotheby's breaks 2015 auction record with \$28m Ferrari 290 MM

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RM Sotheby's left it late - but finally broke the 2015 auction record at its final sale of the year, with the 28m USD taken for the ex-Fangio Ferrari 290 MM...

In an auction packed with A-listers (of the automotive variety), auctioneer Max Girardo hammered the 1956 Mille Miglia entrant for 25.5m dollars - the resulting 28.05m dollar premium-inclusive figure unseating the record 18.5m dollars paid for the Alain Delon California Spider at Artcurial's memorable auction in February of this year.

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Other notable results saw the first public sale of an Aston Martin DB4 GT Zagato in many years garner \$14.3m – a record for a British car sold at auction – while Janis Joplin’s psychedelic Porsche 356 set a new World Record for the model, at an estimate-obliterating 1.76m dollars. Imagine if it had been her Mercedes...

Elsewhere, the Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa child’s car was snapped up for 89,000 dollars (a rather frantic-looking chap with a large white beard may or may not have been spotted in the saleroom when the hammer came down), while the Lamborghini Miura SV sold for 2.42m dollars.

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