

# CLASSIC DRIVER

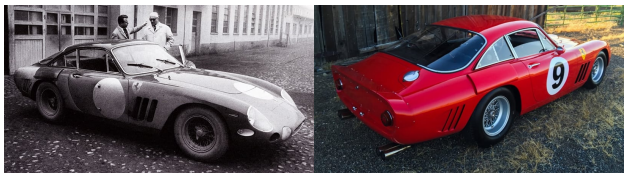
## [This Ferrari 330 LMB makes every 250 GTO look common](#)

### Lead

What, at first glance, might look like a slightly odd mishmash of Ferrari 250 GTO and 250 GT Lusso is in fact a potent four-litre Grand Tourer prototype, built to keep Ferrari on top of its game in 1963. Now it's for sale...

With just four Ferrari 330 LMBs ever built, using an almost identical four-litre V12 to that found in the 1962 Le Mans-winning 330 TRI, it is both rarer and more technologically advanced than the hallowed GTO.

### Race-bred



This example – chassis number 4381 SA – is significant for myriad reasons, not least because of its competition history both in period, when it was run by the Works and driven by the likes of Mike Parkes and Lorenzo Bandini, and at numerous historic motorsport events over the last 20 years. It starred at the Scuderia Ferrari's 1963 season-opening press conference, alongside the team's new mid-engine 250P prototype, and would subsequently go on to become the first car to surpass 300kph on the Mulsanne Straight at Le Mans, where sadly it would retire after qualifying an impressive second in class.

It was in modern historic racing that the car got a second wind, though, where, in the hands of racing legends such as Derek Bell, Bobby Rahal, Tom Kristensen and Emanuele Pirro, it achieved notable results including victory in the prestigious RAC Tourist Trophy at the Goodwood Revival, evidencing its pace. Despite its storied sporting career, it retains its original bodywork, interior and engine. It's being [offered for sale on behalf of its current owner by Rick Cole Auctions](#), which will exhibit the car at its Monterey sale this week.

*Photos courtesy of Rick Cole*

### Gallery





