

CLASSIC DRIVER

1998 Ferrari F355 Spider (manual)

- Lot sold
USD 56 761 - 68 113
GBP 50 000 - 60 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1998
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Chassis number** ZFFXR48A4W0109676
- **Number of seats** 2
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Lot number** 316
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- **Drive** LHD
- **Interior colour** Black
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
- **Engine number** F129*47112*
- **Exterior brand colour** Giallo Yellow
- **Interior brand colour** Black
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Description

Guide price: £50000 - £60000.

- Beautifully presented, left-hand drive, manual gearbox, F355 Spider finished in Giallo Modena

- Imported into the UK from California by our vendor and is supplied with a current MoT
- Maintained by Newport Beach Ferrari in Orange County. Most recent work engine-out cambelt service
- Complete with its Ferrari toolkit, bespoke car cover, USA number plates, and service history
- Lovely low mileage Spider with recent belts and very realistically guided

The Ferrari F355 is a modern classic, so beautiful, so well-engineered and so well received that it marked the beginning of the end of the old-guard 'Ferraristi' philosophy that the only "real" Ferraris were ones with 12-cylinder engines. The Ferrari F355 Berlinetta and Targa GTS burst onto the world stage in the spring of 1994. It had almost exactly the same dimensions as its predecessor the 348, yet it was virtually a new car, as its stunning coachwork indicated. Many hours of wind tunnel testing influenced the harmonious shape which incorporated an F1 style flat bottom with an air flow channel that generated enough down-force to offset any lift. The longitudinally mounted 3496cc V8 had a stunning 380 horsepower at a spine-tingling 8250 rpm. The gearbox now had six speeds with a new type of synchromesh that made it much easier to shift. New electronically adjustable shock absorbers varied their stiffness within milliseconds to suit the road surface. Around Ferrari's 1.86 mile Fiorano test track the 355 was two seconds a lap faster than the 12-cylinder 512 TR; that level of performance combined with its sensational shape made it a worldwide success story. The F355 Spider (most of us like Italian convertibles to be called Spyder, however, Ferrari have always insisted on Spider) debuted in 1995, its Pininfarina-penned lines honed by even more hours in the wind tunnel. To make up for the lack of a roof and the associated loss of torsional rigidity, the 355's structure was cleverly strengthened without making the Spider any heavier than the Berlinetta. Pininfarina are very experienced in designing convertible roofs for other manufacturers and their efforts here have resulted in a blend of elegant style and aerodynamic performance. For the first time in a Ferrari, the semi-automatic soft-top was powered electronically. Initially, the Spider was fitted with the 6-speed manual transmission, prior to being offered with the F1 transmission, however, over time, it's become accepted that the manual box is that much more satisfying to use. Offered here is a beautifully presented, left-hand drive, manual gearbox, F355 Spider finished in Giallo Modena over Nero leather. It was originally shipped new from sunny Italy to sunny Florida and sometime later found its way California and was looked after there by Newport Beach Ferrari in Orange County California and the service records indicate that they continued to look after the car until its export to the UK. The history file contains a comprehensive record of all service work but, most importantly, a major service including all belts was conducted only seven hundred miles ago in December 2016 by Veloce Motorsports of California. This included a 30,000-mile service which involved removal and disassembly of the engine to replace timing belts, auxiliary belts, tensioners and bearings. The cooling system hoses, gaskets and o-rings were all changed, the gearbox oil and the brake system fluids were drained, and both the clutch pressure plate and disc were replaced. The indicated mileage is 22,798 and the car has a very original feel even retaining the factory stickers. It comes complete with its Ferrari toolkit, bespoke car cover, USA number plates, and service history. It was imported into the UK by our vendor and is supplied with a current MoT valid until 30-4-2019. This lovely low mileage Spider looks really cool in yellow and is very realistically guided given today's market.

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