

CLASSIC DRIVER



1986 Lamborghini Countach - 5000 Quattrovalvole Downdraft

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Price	Price on Request	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1986	Interior colour	Beige
Mileage	32 500 km / 20 195 mi	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of doors	2	Exterior colour	Black
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Coupé
Interior type	Leather	Interior brand colour	Champagne

Description

1986 LAMBORGHINI COUNTACH 5000 QUATTROVALVOLE DOWNDRAFT

--Black with Champagne leather, Tan carpeting, 32,000 kilometers (19,000 miles), 5.0 liter 4-valve V12 engine with Downdraft Carburetors, 5-speed manual transmission, Factory Lamborghini Certificate of Configuration, Documented by Valentino Balboni.

Widely regarded as the most outrageous car ever built. As a result, no car before or since has the presence of a Countach. While most of the 610 Countach 5000 Quattrovalvole models imported into the USA from 1985 to 1988 were outfitted with a Bosch Electronic fuel-injection system, only 13 examples fitted with downdraft carburetors arrived at U.S. ports before the EPA and DOT banned Lamborghini from importing them. This 1986 model is one such carbureted example.

Over the years, the Countach evolved, gaining in strength and power as there were successive

increases in the displacement. Regardless, the 5000 QV downdraught carb cars are the most powerful of the Countach model range from beginning to end of production with its 5.2 liter V-12 engine with four valves per cylinder, Weber downdraught carburetors and a power output of 455 bhp.

This exceptional low mileage Countach 5000 QV was sold new by Baltimore, Maryland Lamborghini dealer, Motor Coach Sales to its first owner, Mr. B. Ellis of Bethesda, Maryland on April 16, 1986 with 146 miles/237 km test/delivery miles. Mr. Ellis continued to use the Countach, consistently servicing it with Certified Lamborghini dealers (all service records included) through October 1994 when it was traded to well-known exotic car dealer Motorcars International, Springfield, Missouri with 15,425 miles/24,989 km's.

Motorcars International sold this Countach in November 1994 with 15,466 miles/25,055 km's to a Mr. J. Zizza, Wrentham, Massachusetts. Mr. Zizza used the Countach sparingly, only 3,078 miles/4,987 km's for the next 14 years and until it's purchased by Autosport Designs, Inc.

In 2015/2016 this Countach underwent a sympathetic and thorough mechanical overhaul by Autosport Designs Inc., Auto Elite and Vintage Motorsports of Malvern, PA. The engine and transmission were completely rebuilt, as were the clutch, master cylinder, CV Joints, suspension bushings throughout and shock absorbers. In addition, fuel tanks were restored, as were oil and fuel hoses, new Pirelli tires, and a stainless steel Sport exhaust was fitted and tuned to the carburetors, the engine bay was completely refinished, the entire electrical system was serviced where needed, a 175 amp heavy duty alternator and charging system and last, but not least extensive modifications were made to the AC system for efficiency, including a new evaporator and revised ducting. In all, more than \$150,000 was devoted toward making this one of the most user friendly and excellent performing Countaches to be found. Detailed receipts for all work are available and accompany the sale.

Many consider the 5000 QV Downdraft carbureted Countach to be the most desirable model other than its original counterpart the "Periscopio" which started it all. This Countach 5000 QV is excellent in every way, it has excellent ownership and service history and is complete with its original books, tools and Factory Lamborghini build sheet documents.

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