

CLASSIC DRIVER

1965 Alfa Romeo GTA - Autodelta - Original RHD

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- **Price**
USD 363 174
GBP 295 995 (listed)
- **Year of manufacture** 1965
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Chassis number** AR ★ 752661 ★
- **Competition car** Yes
- **Number of seats** 2
- **Number of doors** 2
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Red
- **Car type** Coupé
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Description

This incredibly rare genuine right hand drive GTA Corsa built in April 1965 and supplied by Autodelta to the first owner, Maltese hill climber Leonard Calleja. He competed with the car in the island's active hill climbing scene in the late 1960's keeping the car for 20 years before selling the car to fellow islander Lino Brincat. Brincat, as with most GTA owners in the 1980's, developed the car into Group 2 spec and then entered the car into the local drag races with good results including on one fabled occasion beating a Corvette in a true David and Goliath battle.

In 1989, Julius Thurgood, one of the stalwarts of the UK Alfa Romeo GTA scene and pioneer of pre 66 saloon car racing in UK with his Top Hat series in the late 1990's and key advisor to the Goodwood Revival St Mary's Trophy saloon car race, brokered the car to well known US West coast car dealer and Ferrari collector, Tom Price.

Price commissioned UK Alfa Monza guru, Paul Grist, to oversee the restoration of the car back to pre 66 specification to race in Europe in the growing FIA Appendix K Saloon car championship. However business commitments back in the US meant that in 2000 he reluctantly sold the car to UK Alfisti Nick Savage to join his existing stable of an SZ and

2600.

He completed the restoration with his usual attention to detail (all invoices on file) and authenticity and 2003 having received his FIA papers campaigned the car actively in the, then new series, U2TC run by Carol Spagg's Historic Motor Racing News. Famed for driving his car to the race and home again afterwards, this car was used as the benchmark as to what the stringent series scrutineer deemed acceptable for a GTA!

Savage sold the car in 2013 to a collector in California who then kept the car as he found it and having shown the car to Nick Savage when it arrived in our showroom he commented it was exactly as he sold it, not even cleaned! We have now detailed the car ahead of its next chapter.

The car is perfect for Tour Auto, U2TC, Goodwood Revival or just enjoy it as a great touring car on the road!

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