

CLASSIC DRIVER

1975 Ferrari 365

- Lot sold
USD 265 762 - 338 243
GBP 220 000 - 280 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1975
- **Chassis number** 18153
- **Number of seats** 2
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Lot number** 277
- **Drive** LHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
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Description

1975 Ferrari 365 GT4 Berlinetta Boxer
Coachwork by Pininfarina/Scaglietti
Registration no. to be advised
Chassis no. 18153

Unquestionably one of the greatest cars Ferrari has ever built, the 365GT4 Berlinetta Boxer debuted at the 1971 Turin Show in prototype form and commenced production in 1973 almost unaltered. An entirely new model and the first road-going Ferrari not to have a vee-configuration engine, the 356GT4 reflected Ferrari's motor racing heritage; its 4.4-litre, four-cam, 'boxer' engine drew on experience gained from the Maranello firm's World Championship-winning, flat-12 Formula 1 and sports-racing units and developed no less than 360bhp at 7,700rpm. Rumours abounded that the prototype Boxer had run at over 180mph, and even though the production version managed 'only' around 175mph there can have been few disappointed customers. The mid-located engine gave near-perfect balance and ensured that the Boxer's handling matched its stupendous straight-line speed.

Testing a Berlinetta Boxer in June 1975, Road & Track reported, "Handling is an enthusiast's delight. There's plenty of road feel, which is reassuring when you're exploring the upper limits of the Boxer's capabilities. As an ultimate road-going high performance machine the Boxer has few equals".

A combination tubular/monocoque chassis housed the mid-mounted engine/five-speed transaxle package

that ingeniously placed the motor above the gearbox and final drive, thus avoiding an overly long wheelbase. The ensemble was clothed in elegant, low-slung Berlinetta coachwork by Pininfarina. The result of extensive wind tunnel testing, Pininfarina's masterpiece was assembled at Modena by Scaglietti and comprised a superstructure mixing aluminium-alloy and steel panels, complemented by matt black-finished glassfibre elements beneath the front and rear overhangs.

Only 367 Ferrari 365GT4 BBs were constructed before the model was superseded by the 512BB in 1976. At the time of its introduction the 365GT4 Berlinetta Boxer was the world's fastest and most expensive car. It remains one of the most desirable and sought after of all Ferraris.

This rare right-hand drive example of the rarest and fastest Boxer was supplied new in the UK via Maranello Concessionaires and is one of only 58 cars delivered to this country. '18153' has benefited from one of the most extensive yet sympathetic restorations imaginable, carried out by leading Ferrari specialists with no limitations placed on cost. It is surely one of the finest Boxers currently on sale anywhere in the world.

Finished in Rosso Chiaro with Nero leather interior, the latter original and well preserved, this wonderful 365 GT4 BB has covered only 43,570 miles from new. It comes complete with two sets of keys, all original handbooks and wallet, original cased tool kit, and a very extensive file of service invoices and receipts. Plus, of course, the all-important Ferrari Classiche certification.

The Ferrari 365 GT4 BB is the original, lightest and rarest of all Boxer models, instantly recognisable by its triple rear lights and 'peashooter' exhaust pipes. Most valuable and sought-after member of the entire Boxer family, the 365 GT4 BB is one the last truly hand-built Ferraris and is gaining in popularity with enthusiasts and collectors alike. A wonderful opportunity to acquire a fine example of a legendary Ferrari that is much rarer, more collectable and faster than the 365 GTB/4 Daytona.

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