

# CLASSIC DRIVER



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Price	<b>Price on Request</b>	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1979	Interior colour	Black
Mileage	17 584 mi / 28 299 km	Condition	Restored
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Number of seats	4	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of doors	2	Exterior colour	Silver
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Saloon

### Description

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The Maserati Merak was introduced at the 1972 Paris Auto Show, over a year after the Bora.[1] The Merak and the Bora share the front part of bodysell up to the doors. The front ends differ, mainly by the use of dual chrome bumpers on the Merak, in place of twin trapezoidal grilles on the Bora, but the similarities end at the B-pillar. Giorgetto Giugiaro at Italdesign was commissioned to transform the Bora into the Merak.

Unlike its bigger sister the Merak doesn't have a fully glassed fastback, but rather a cabin ending abruptly with a vertical rear window and a flat, horizontal engine bonnet pierced by four series of ventilation slats.

Giugiaro completed the vehicle's silhouette by adding open flying buttresses, visually extending the roofline to the tail. The main competitors of the Merak were the similarly Italian, mid-engined, 3-litre and 2+2 Dino 308 GT4 and Lamborghini Urraco P250.[2] However unlike its transverse V8-engined rivals the Merak used a more compact V6, that could therefore be mounted longitudinally.

The lightened and more powerful Merak SS (Tipo AM122/A) was introduced at the 41st Geneva Motor Show in March 1975, although it did not enter production until the next year. It featured a 50 kg weight reduction and a 30 PS power increase to 220 PS (162 kW; 217 hp), thanks to the adoption of three larger 44 DCNF 44 carburettors and a higher 9:1 compression ratio. The SS was recognizable from a black grille between the pop-up headlights.

A Maserati-designed upper fascia with round instruments and a four-spoke steering wheel replaced the previous SM-derived interior furniture. Later cars were bestowed with the full driver-oriented dashboard and three-spoke padded steering wheel of the Maserati Bora. 1000 units of the SS had been made by 1983, when all Merak production ceased.

Supplied new to Aubrey Derek Besser in May 1979, this rare Merak SS has covered a mere 17954 miles from new. The V5 shows the second and only change in keeper to Susan Elizabeth Besser in 1994. The history file documents maintenance up to 1999 at which point the car came off the road. Upon HR Owen's acquisition in 2013 a comprehensive restoration commenced and has been completed to the tune of £30,000.00.

These Maserati's represent extremely good value for money and are attracting the interest of many car collectors.

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