
1972 Alfa Romeo Montreal

Lot sold	USD 0	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1972	Location	
Lot number	123	Exterior colour	Orange
		Car type	Other

Description

Estimate:

\$65,000 - \$85,000

- Previously owned by an Alfa Romeo enthusiast for 20 years
- Finished in a brilliant shade of orange over a charming houndstooth interior
- Recent engine reseal performed by Capitol City European, at a cost of nearly \$10,000
- One of approximately 3,925 built between 1971 and 1975
- Designed by the legendary Marcello Gandini

Alfa Romeo received a tremendous honor in late 1966 when it was selected to create a conceptual exhibit of man's aspiration for the automobile at the 1967 International and Universal Exposition, held in Montreal, Canada. Alfa Romeo assigned coachwork duties to Bertone, and the project was spearheaded by Marcello Gandini, the young designer who had leaped to the forefront of the automotive imagination with the Lamborghini Miura.

Two identical prototypes featuring inline-four engines were prepared for the exhibition, and Gandini did not disappoint. Channeling many of the same cues that made the Miura so innovative, the new Alfa Romeo was wide and low with a shark-like nose extending through a curved fender and shoulder haunches into a truncated tail. The headlight "blinds" and stacked horizontal vents on the C-pillar were attractive as well as futuristic in concept.

Strong customer interest prompted Alfa Romeo to develop a production version, which continued to be based on the respected 105 Series chassis. The 105's standard twin-cam inline-four, however, was replaced by a modified version of the competition-pedigreed V-8 from the Tipo 33 prototype race car.

It featured aluminum alloy construction, dual overhead-cam actuation, and a dry-sump lubrication system. Aided by its aerodynamic body, the Montreal was good for a top speed of nearly 140 mph. Approximately 3,925 examples of the Montreal were built between 1971 and 1975.

Chassis number AR 1425780 was imported to the United States in August of 1985. It was shipped from Genoa to New York onboard the RO RO Manhattan, a copy of the freight receipt as well as import documentation is included. Today, this attractive Montreal is finished in a brilliant shade of orange. Its sleek Bertone coachwork is accented by a driver's-side mirror. The car rides on Goodyear tires mounted on Campagnolo wheels. The Alfa Romeo's interior features houndstooth seats, with black dash and carpeting. It is further equipped with a wood-rimmed steering wheel, power windows, and benefits from an upgraded McIntosh radio unit with CD. In June of 2020 the Montreal benefitted from an engine reseal performed by Capitol City European, at a cost of nearly \$10,000. To view this car and others currently consigned to this auction, please visit the RM website at rmsothebys.com/en/auctions/0520.

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