

CLASSIC DRIVER



Amalgam Collection - Ferrari 512 S Spyder at 1:8 scale - 1970 Sebring

Approximate price

USD 14 018

Location



Currency converted from 10 350.00 GBP
Final price may vary

Description

Put together in just three months by a team headed by Mauro Forghieri, the Ferrari 512S competed in the 1970 season of International Championship for Makes. Ferrari were in a period of disruption in 1969. Enzo Ferrari has negotiated the sale of his firm to Fiat, competed in Formula 1, Formula 2, the mountain championship, and Can Am, all while building road cars and battling the unions. In amidst this chaotic work environment, Ferrari instructed Forghieri to design and develop a car to compete with the newly emerging Porsche 917, with no technical directive, just the imposition to use existing tools for the engine, gearbox, and suspension.

Built both as a berlinetta and a spider, the resulting 512 S had the same tubular spaceframe chassis as the 612 P Can Am car but with different bodywork, designed by Giacomo Caliri and made from polycarbonate for light weight. Powered by an all-alloy 4994cc V12, the 512 S was capable of producing 550 bhp at 8500 rpm, propelling it to a top speed of 211 mph (340 km/h).

It was a valiant effort by Ferrari, but 1970 proved to be a long season. A Ferrari 512 S finished third to two 917s at Daytona, then scored a victory in the 12 Hours of Sebring driven by the works team of Ignazio Giunti, Nino Vaccarella, and Mario Andretti. That was the car's only win, though other highlights included a second at Francorchamps and a 2-3-4 finish at Monza. Early in the season, Forghieri and his crew realised the Ferrari 512 S was not competitive on high-speed circuits, so work began developing an evolution; the 512 S was eventually replaced by the 512 M (Modificato).

This fine 1:8 scale model is of the #19 Ferrari 512 S Spyder as raced at the 12 Hours of Sebring on

March 21, 1970, considered by many to be the most memorable ever held. The #19 qualified on pole and looked assured of victory, in the hands Mario Andretti and Arturo Merzario. The race was brutal however, with only 28 of the original 68 cars finishing, and Andretti pulled into the pits after 227 laps with gearbox issues. This was devastating for the duo with just an hour of the race remaining and a 12-lap advantage over their nearest rivals. The last half an hour would bring more drama, as the faster and more experienced Andretti climbed into the #21 sister car in a last-ditch attempt to take the race victory. Andretti started one lap down, but quickly progressed, overtaking the 3 litre Solar Productions Porsche 308 of American racer Peter Revson and global movie star Steve McQueen, to take a hard-fought 28 second victory, the narrowest finish in Sebring history at that point.

This model of the Ferrari 512S Spyder has been handcrafted and finished in our workshops using detailed colour and material specifications, and original CAD data supplied directly from the drawing office of Ferrari. Furthermore, it has undergone detailed scrutiny by both engineering and design teams to ensure complete accuracy of representation. Every Amalgam 1:8 scale model is supplied in a luxury black presentation box and mounted on a carbon fibre or leather base protected by a clear acrylic dust cover. The model title, original branding and edition number are displayed on polished stainless steel plaques mounted at the front end of the base.

The Ferrari 512 S Spyder is limited to just 199 editions.

Amalgam Collection

Amalgam collection

Title Mr
First name Sandy
Last name Copeman
The Power House
Romney Avenue
Bristol
BS7 9ST
United Kingdom
Phone +44-01179527646
<https://classicdriver.shop/Amalgam-Collection>

<https://www.classicdriver.com/en/collectible/amalgam-collection-ferrari-512-s-spyder-18-scale-1970-sebring>

© Classic Driver. All rights reserved.