
1992 Ferrari Testarossa

Lot sold	USD 124 468 - 165 957 GBP 90 000 - 120 000 (listed)	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1992	Location	
Chassis number	ZFFAA17C00009056	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	265		

Description

1992 Ferrari Testarossa Coupé
Coachwork by Pininfarina
Registration no. K420 KRA
Chassis no. ZFFAA17C000090563

Ferrari's flagship model, the Testarossa supercar revived a famous name from the Italian company's past when it arrived in 1984. A 'next generation' Berlinetta Boxer, the Testarossa retained its predecessor's amidships-mounted, 5.0-litre, flat-12 engine, the latter now boasting a maximum power output raised to 380bhp at 6,300rpm courtesy of four-valve cylinder heads. Despite the power increase, smoothness and driveability were enhanced, the car possessing excellent top gear flexibility allied to a maximum speed of 180mph.

Rivalling Lamborghini's Countach for presence, the Pininfarina-designed Testarossa succeeded brilliantly, the gill slats feeding air to its side-mounted radiators being one of the modern era's most instantly recognisable and copied - styling devices. A larger car than the 512BB - the increase in width being necessary to accommodate wider tyres - the Testarossa managed the trick of combining high downforce with a low coefficient of drag, its graceful body being notable for the absence of extraneous spoilers and other such devices. Despite the increase in size over the 512BB, the Testarossa was lighter than its predecessor, the body - its steel doors and roof excepted - being, somewhat unusually for a production Ferrari, of aluminium. Luxury touches in the well-equipped cabin included air conditioning, electrically adjustable seats, tilting steering wheel and plentiful leather. Unlike some of its rivals, the Testarossa possessed light controls and was relatively easy to drive, factors which, allied to its outstanding performance and stunning looks, contributed to an

instant and sustained high level of demand.

Imported by Maranello Concessionaires and supplied by H R Owen, this rare right-hand drive Ferrari Testarossa was sold new to its first owner Charles Robertson (Dev) Ltd of Cornwall in September 1992 and was first registered as 'K567 EYL'. In February 1994 the Ferrari passed to the second owner, Mr Vichai Karmakharm of Oxfordshire and was reregistered as 'K420 KRA'. It was next owned, from November 1999 onwards, by Mr Alan Croll and has belonged to the current vendor since May 2002. Old registration documents recording details of former owners are on file together with correspondence, bills, and H R Owen and Graypaul service history as recorded in the original Warranty Card and Owner's Service Book. Finished in the classic colour combination of Rosso Corsa with Crema leather interior, this low-mileage Testarossa is described by the private vendor as in excellent condition throughout and has to be a most attractive acquisition for the Ferrari aficionado.

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