



1959 Ferrari 250 GT Tour d France - 1321 GT



Ferrari had come a long way by the end of the 1950's. From the 166 Berlinetta to this, the 1959 Le Mans GT winning 250 GT Tour d'France. During that decade there were probably more unique bodies built on Ferraris than at any other time. This was essentially because they were all hand built with very small production runs during a frantic period of development of both road cars and race cars for all major series.

The 1959 TdF marks a transition point between the early cars and the more "series" production runs that were to be introduced with the 250GT SWB. Of course there was the 250 GT Interim, but it itself showed the way the future was

going. The TdF was built between 1955 and 1959 with three primary versions produced. These were distinguishable by the louvre count on the c-pillar Starting in 1955 with the 14 louvre type then progressing two three and finally the later cars with just one.

Serial number 1321 GT as featured here is one of the later single louvre examples. It was driven to 1st in GT Class and 3rd overall in the 1959 Le Mans 24 hr by Jean Blaton and Leon Dernier. It also won the Nurburgring 1000km.

1321 has been with the same owner since the 1970s and has not been seen in public since the early 1990s at Road America.

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- 1st GT Class 1959 le Mans 3rd overall
- 1st Nurburgring 1000km 1959
- 2.953 litre 180.2 cu in
- 194 KW 260 bhp

It is now offered for sale at the Mecum Monterey Auction August 13-14, 2010 Hyatt Regency Monterey Resort & Spa Monterey, CA 93940

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ENGINE

Configuration Layout	Tipo 128 60° V 12 Colombo Front Longitudinal	
Displacement	2.953 litre	180.2 cu in
Bore	73.0 mm	2.9 in
Stroke	58.8 mm	2.3 in
Valvetrain	2 valves, SOHC	
Fuel feed	3 Weber 36 DCL	
Aspiration	Natural	
Power	194 kW @ 7000 rpm	260 bhp
Torque	255 Nm @ 5000 rpm	188 ft lbs
BHP/Litre	88 bhp / liter	
Power to weight	0.25 bhp / kg	

BODY

Aluminium body on tubular frame		
Weight	1060 kg	2337 lbs
Wheelbase	2600 mm	102.4 in
Track F	1354 mm	53.3 in
Track R	1349 mm	53.1 in
Length	4390 mm	172.8 in
Width	1650 mm	65 in
Height	1283 mm	50.5 in

DRIVETRAIN

Rear Wheel Drive	
Gearbox	5 speed Manual

SUSPENSION

Front	Wishbones, coil springs, Houdaille shock absorbers, anti-roll bar
Rear	Live axle, semi-elliptic leaf springs, Houdaille shock absorbers

BRAKES

Brakes	drums all-round
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