



Imperial War Museum Duxford (188)

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Estimate: £80000 - £90000 + Fees

◆ 1977 Ferrari 308 GTB 'Vetroresina'

Registration No: OBA462P

Chassis No: 20561

- 1 of only 160 RHD examples from a total production run of 808
- Sold new to a doctor in Victoria, Australia and imported to the UK in 2015
- Comprehensive service history and c.37,000 miles from new
Debuting at the Paris Salon in 1975, the svelte and beautiful Pininfarina styled 308 GTB received a rapturous welcome coming as it did after the somewhat 'marmite' styling of Bertone's efforts on the 308 GT4. Retaining its predecessor's transversely mounted quad cam 3-litre V8, early examples were clad with glass fibre bodywork - a manufacturing first for Ferrari and a feature which has made them highly sought after by collectors not only for their lightness compared to the steel bodied successors but also their ability to avoid the ravages of corrosion inherent in later cars. Of the 808 Vetroresinas produced just 160 were to RHD specification.

Originally finished in Argento 106.E.1 with Nuvola VM3015 hide, this RHD example was delivered to its first owner, a Dr C T Tsiang residing in Victoria, Australia on 7 October 1977 via supplying dealer W H Lowe (Automobiles) Pty of Balwyn, Victoria. Invoices on file detail works carried out on the car during its early life and a typed summary provided by Foskers Engineering gives a useful record of these up to December 1985. At some point the car has been repainted in red and retrimmed with Crema hide. Imported to the UK in 2015 and registered OBA 462P, it has since been entrusted to the care of renowned specialists DK Engineering with bills on file for around £9,500 including replacement of the all-important timing belts in August 2019. Now displaying just c.59,000 km (37,000 miles) on its odometer this desirable early 308 is described as being in "excellent" condition regarding its bodywork, paintwork, engine, electrics and interior and comes with a comprehensive service history detailed in the accompanying history file. In addition, the original wallet, handbook and service book are present along with a Swansea V5c and assorted expired MoT certificates.