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Lot 39

Estimate: £23000 - £28000 + Fees

1980 Ferrari 250 GTO Evocation

Registration No: ULB101W
Chassis No: 30567
Mot Expiry: Sept 2016

Some evocations are a little hard to fathom, but creating a replica of the world's most desirable car (especially when prices of the originals are now well north of £20million), is not at all difficult to comprehend; and even less so when the motorcar in question is based on a V12 Ferrari and thereby a genuine relation of the real thing.

'ULB 101W' is a righthand drive recreation of Ferrari's immortal 250 GTO. It was professionally constructed by Andy Waters Motor Engineers of Horncastle by blending Ferrari 400 chassis, suspension and engine components to US-supplied replica GTO bodywork. The Ferrari drives through a five-speed manual gearbox and is understandably finished in classic Rosso Red and trimmed in Tan leather. The vendor currently describes the engine as 'good', the bodywork and paintwork as 'fair to good', the interior as 'fair' and transmission as 'sound'. This car surely represents a lot of fun for the money, the only problem we can visualise is that the first thing everybody you meet will say is 'is it a real one'?!

When new, one of the 39 genuine GTOs made would have cost you around £6,000, and to acquire one would have needed the personal approval of Enzo Ferrari himself. The 250 Gran Turismo Omologato, to give the motorcar its full name, was created to allow Ferrari to contest the FIA's Group 3 Grand Touring Car category; something it achieved with great success until faced with the Shelby Daytona Coupe of 1965. A unique combination of performance, beauty, rarity, and the fact that all 39 examples are still alive and well and totally accounted for, has placed the GTO on a pedestal high above all other automotive icons. Current owners include Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason, Walmart Chairman Rob Walton and JCB Chairman Anthony Bamford.