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Fiat 1100 E Zagato

1950

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Fiat 1100 E Zagato 1950 RHD ex-1954-Mille Miglia Even the very popular Fiat 1100 attracted the attention of specialist coachbuilders. Also the carrozzeria Zagato understood that this well balanced chassis and the many tuning possibilities offered by specialists such as Stanguelini, Abarth and many others asked for a lightweight sports Coupé to be built. Only a handful Zagato 1100 were produced amongst which this 1100 E with chassis n° 331252 which went in June 1950 from the Milanese Fiat dealer immediately to Zagato and 1 month later in July 1950 as a "Panoramica Zagato" to the first owner Dr. Lanfranco Fontana from Terni. Very interesting fact is that Dr. Fontana was a keen participant to the Mille Miglia to which he participated with various sportscars and that after some further preparation to body (lowered roof) and mechanics (properly tuned new 1100 engine) he and his co-driver Massai Giorgio entered this Fiat Zagato into the 1954 Mille Miglia race. Their car's starting number was N° 341. This story is very well documented by extracts provided by the "Automobile Club D'Italia" and the archives of the "Museo della Mille Miglia" in Brescia. The purist Zagato style is immediately recognizable on this Fiat 1100 and the typical lightweight construction method together with the advanced mechanical preparation (twin carburetors, high compression pistons, high lift cams, fully balanced, etc...) confirm the sporty aspirations in those early fifties of manufacturer & owner. This rare Fiat 1100 with very interesting sporting history is now for sale from our classic car garage in Belgium. Inside-out (chassis and underneath are as clean as the outside coachwork) this Fiat 1100 is in pristine condition, and just benefitted from a complete engine rebuild (still needs to be run-in), which is why on the road this little 1100 demonstrates a lot of panache. Brisk accelerations and a sporty direct contact between the road and the driver at the wheel of this amazing 1100 Zagato.

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