





## Fiat 508CS Balilla Berlinetta MM

1935

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Fiat 508 CS Balilla Berlinetta Mille Miglia 1935 LHD Chassis nº : 76019 Admit that in exclusivity and purity of design (by the famous Mario Revelli di Beaumont), this rare Berlinetta Mille Miglia from Fiat does not have to be ashamed in comparision with other very exclusive designs from the 30-ies from much more prestigeous makes such as Bugatti, Delage, Delahaye, etc... I agree, looks are not everything, but consider that this ultra-rare MM Berlinetta (only 11 produced!) may be one of the first true Grand Touring cars ever conceived, and most certainly one of the first small displacement GT cars ever built. Fiat intended to build a competition car based on the successful Balilla Coppa DOro which could be used in the rallies in the North of Italy such as the Mille Miglia (famous for rain during the early racing season) and therefore named Berlinetta Aerodynamica Mille Miglia. The production was entrusted to Fiat's in-house Also from the mechanical point of view, a big effort was made. The 995 cc engine had obtained a new overhead valve cylinder head which raised the power output to some 36 HP. Thanks to a well proportionned 4-speed gearbox, a top-speed of 110 Km/h could be reached. Also the braking improved with a for that time very modern system of hydraulic operated drum-brakes on the 4 wheels. Chassis 76019 was sold in January 1936 to Mr. Comirato Alberto who participated with his wife Mrs. Lia Dumas to the 1936 Mille Miglia where they obtained a very good time by arriving 2-nd in class and 14-th overall. Extra motivated by this excellent result, the same team Comirato-Dumas also registered for the 1937 Mille Miglia with that same Berlinetta Aerodynamica Mille Miglia, but DNF. Over the years this very elegant berlinetta has been very well kept in the hands of collectors from the North of Italy. When restored this exercise was executed respecting rigourously originality. This charming beauty was also presented from now and then at historic meetings amongst which the historic Mille Miglia. Your chance to own a quintessential example of exquisite prewar Italian design, which will allow you to participate with 100% certitude to the most prestigeous classic car events in the world, be it concours delegances or for instance the historic Mille Miglia. Please contact me for more info.

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