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Maserati 3500 Vignale Spider

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Maserati 3500 Vignale Spider 1960 LHD I have always considered this Maserati 3500 Vignale Spider to be one of the most pleasing Italian designs on an exotic open sportscar of the 60-ies. Only 242 Maserati 3500 Spiders were made by carrozzeria Vignale. On a by 10 cm shortened chassis and although constructed in steel the Spider (1.380 Kg) was still 40 kg lighter than the aluminium Coupé constructed by Superleggera specialist Touring (1.420 Kg). The beautiful aluminium 6 cylinder engine with twin overhead cams and twin spark ignition originated directly from Maserati's race program. Fed by 3 double Weber carburettors (42 DCOE) this 3,5 liter produced a healthy 220 BHP. (I must admit that each time I open the bonnet of a Maserati 3500 I am impressed by the view of this "state of the art" mechanical set-up.) Gearchange is ultra precise thanks to the excellent quality 4 speed ZF gearbox. The very stylish bi-metal Borrani wheels hide disc brakes at the front and finned drums at the rear. This particular Vignale Spider was initially sold new in Germany and arrived later in Belgium where this Maserati belonged for many years to a very well respected classic sportscar & motorbike authority from the Brussels area. The original color combination of light metallic grey with black leather interior (still original and with a slight touch of beautiful patina) enhance in a subtle way the beautiful lines of this Vignale Spider. The ultra rare factory hard-top allows to transform in winter this elegant Spider in an evenso stylish Coupé. The last Belgian owner completely overhauled his sportscar taking care of chassis, body and mechanics respecting in this process rigourously originality. Also on the ramps this Maserati looks very neat! Needless to say that on the road this Maserati is a pleasure to drive offering quite some emotions and strong sensations.

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