



Scuderia Azzurra brings Maserati 3500 GT „Taramazzo“ in top condition

First owner of the 3500 GT was the Italian racing driver Luigi Taramazzo – with attention for detail, Scuderia Azzurra brought the car back into concours state

Cologne, Apr 5th 2017. A jewel with a prominent first owner: thanks to a detailed restoration, Scuderia Azzurra brought the Maserati GT of the Italian racing driver Luigi Taramazzo back to a top condition. The classic from the year 1959 was delivered to the racing driver in Bordighiera in September of the same year according to the Maserati certificate “Avviso Spedizione“. Over the course of the decades, the car found its way to the USA and Australia before it was faithfully restored by Scuderia Azzurra. In the company’s own workshop, it also got its extraordinary two-colour painting.

In September 1959, the Italian racer Luigi Taramazzo took a new classic in his private possession: the Maserati 3500 GT, designed with white lacquer and blue interior. Taramazzo started racing in the 1950s and took part in the Formula One World Championship of 1958 at the Monaco Grand Prix. After many years together, his Maserati 3500 GT found its way to the USA in the following decades, where it was driven by a new owner Carey D. Ebert-Hurst in Texas from the mid-90s on. Via Argyles Import Cars, the classic was sold to the well-known Maserati restorer Mario Lombardi from Melbourne, Australia. In 1998, the car went to Con Minas as part of a restoration project, who dismantled it and took off the aluminium down to the body, but then did not continue with the restoration.

Finally, Scuderia Azzurra devoted itself to the Maserati 3500 GT „Taramazzo“ with much attention to detail as part of a complete frame-off restoration. The engine was completely rebuilt and the car received its extraordinary two-colour painting in „Bianco Polo Park“ and the blue roof colour, which coincides with the interior in blue leather. „To be honest, I am not a fan of white cars“, confesses Matthias Hinz, who is responsible for restorations as Managing Director of Scuderia Azzurra. „But the colour combination with the blue roof is one of the most beautiful I have ever seen on a Maserati 3500.“ Therefore, Scuderia Azzurra made it its task to finally bring to an end what had been started multiple times over the years: the detailed complete restoration from engine to the interior. Just in time for the Techno-Classica Essen, the Maserati “Taramazzo” now shines in concours state.



The Maserati 3500 GT/GTI – a sports car of the upper class

With the 3500 GT, Maserati began the series production of street sports cars. Between 1957 and 1964, a total of 1,972 coupe models of the GT and GTI and additionally 245 open Vignale Spider were produced. Maserati presented the 3500 GT with a 3.5 litre straight-six engine for the first time at the Geneva Motor Show in 1957 as a successor to the super sports car A6 G54. The racing engine of the predecessor was adopted for the standard model, but clearly modified. As a sports car of the upper class, the 3500 GT already attracted a large number of prominent buyers and is today a popular collector's item both as a GT and as a Spider version.

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Scuderia Azzurra is the partner for classic Maseratis, Alfa Romeos & Lancias in top condition. The three partners Matthias Hinz, Lukas Mühlemann and Michael Maasmeier have shared their passion for classic cars for more than 30 years. Officially founded in 2013, Scuderia Azzurra is based on Cologne, Germany and Lisbon, Portugal and is dedicated to performing original restoration of bodies, engine, transmissions and electrical systems for classic Italian cars.

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