



A very special F40, this one with a one-off installation of the valeo clutch system.

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F40 VALEO

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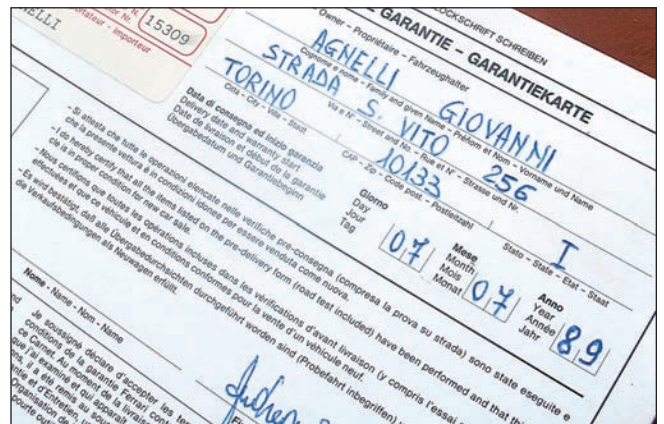
ONE OF GIANNI AGNELLI'S SPECIAL FERRARIS... BY KEITH BLUEMEL

Gianni Agnelli, the late head of the Fiat empire, was a long time Ferrari client, starting in 1950 with the 166 MM barchetta, chassis s/n 0064 M, as featured in *Cavallino* issue 156. Subsequent to this, he owned a series of Ferraris, including the special bodied 375 America, chassis s/n 0355 AL, which was another *Cavallino* feature car in issue 140. Other very special Ferraris that he owned were one of the two 365 P "Tre Posti" models built, chassis s/n 8815, and a one-off Testarossa Spyder, chassis s/n 62897,

which according to Factory sources was the only example to go down their production line. There have been reports over the years that he had examples built for friends, but if these stories are true, it would seem that they were produced at the Pininfarina plant in Turin, like the examples produced for the Brunei Royal Family.

His final Ferrari was nearly forty years after his first, an F40, chassis s/n 79883, which to all intents and purposes looked like any other F40 on the street. It was only when you looked inside that you might notice something different – it had only two pedal controls!

Yes, he had yet another



Registration documents for the F40 "Valeo", s/n 79883, in the name of Giovanni Agnelli.

unique Ferrari, fitted with a Valeo electronic clutch system. This time it was for physical reasons, as he had been injured in a serious car accident in 1952, which left him with a weakness

in his left leg, which it is understood became more noticeable with age. In the early nineties, the system became available on the Mondial t as an option, but had previously been proven on the Lancia Delta *Integrale* rally cars, with teams using the system winning the Greek Championship, and finishing second in the Italian one.