

# Ferrari 250 GT LWB California Spider Scaglietti 1959, Chassis# 1451 GT

Original exterior color: metallic silver grey

Chassis type 508 D

Engine type 128 F, engine internal #0394 F

Gearbox type 508 D, internal #197 D

Rear axle type 508 D, internal #421 D

The 29th of a total of only 50 units (LWB Californias) built  
Open headlights

**ALLOY** body by Carrozzeria Scaglietti

Equipped with high-lift camshafts and three 40 DCL 6 Weber carburetors

First outside plug engine in a LWB California Spider

Ribbed gearbox

Outside fuel filler cap

May 18, 1959

Chassis frame sent to Carrozzeria Scaglietti in Modena

June 12, 1959

Gearbox assembly completed by mechanic Nino Beltrami, supervised by foreman Amos Franchini

June 13, 1959

Engine assembly completed by mechanics Zanasi and Fossati, supervised by foreman Amos Franchini

June 14, 1959

Engine tested, supervised by engineer Taddei

June 15, 1959

Chassis frame completion date

June 1959

Sold new through Luigi Chinetti Motors to first owner Robert Martin Grossman, a car dealer and race driver domiciled in Nyack, NY/USA (car delivered to him at the Le Mans 24 hours), price paid was US\$ 9'000 FOB Le Mans

June 20/21, 1959

Raced at the 27th Annual Le Mans 24 hours by Bob Grossman and co-driver Fernand Tavano, race #16, placed 5th OA, 3rd in the GT class

- (pictured page 19 of the Seibert-Carrieri authored book „Ferrari 250 GT SWB California Spider“ published by Cavalleria)

- (pictured page 215 of Antoine Prunet's book „Ferraris for the Road“)

- (pictured pages 82, 84, 85 and 87 of Danièle Tavano's book “Dans les Pas de Fernand Tavano”)

August 9, 1959

Raced at the SCCA Montgomery/NY national races by Bob Grossman, placed 1st, race #19

September 5, 1959

Raced at the SCCA Thompson AFB national races by Bob Grossman, placed 6th OA and 2nd in class DM2, race #91

September 25/26, 1959

Raced at Watkins Glen by Bob Grossman on race #95, DNF, ran in the DM class

December 4, 1959

Raced at the 6th Annual International Speed Weeks in Nassau, Bahamas, five-lap Governor's Trophy, by Bob Grossman on race #18, placed 19th OA and 12th in class C

- (pictured page 154 of Terry O'Neil's book “The Bahamas Speed Weeks”)

December 4, 1959 Raced at the 6th Annual International Speed Weeks in Nassau, Bahamas, twelve-lap Governor's Trophy, by Bob Grossman on race #18, placed 9th OA and 3rd in class D

December 5, 1959 Raced at the 6th Annual International Speed Weeks in Nassau, Bahamas, five-lap Ferrari race, by Bob Grossman on race #18, placed 7th OA

December 5, 1959 Raced at the 6th Annual International Speed Weeks in Nassau, Bahamas, twelve-lap Nassau Memorial race, by Bob Grossman on race #18, placed 1st OA and 1st in class D

December 6, 1959 Raced at the 6th Annual International Speed Weeks in Nassau, Bahamas, 49-lap Nassau Trophy race, by Bob Grossman on race #18, placed 19th OA and 4th in class D

April 16, 1960 Raced at Marlboro/MD by Bob Grossman, race #90, placed 1st OA

May 1, 1960 Raced at Virginia International Raceway in Danville by Bob Grossman, race #19, placed 1st in Class R2

May 15, 1960 Raced at Cumberland by Bob Grossman, race #19, DNF in class R8, using New York license plates "42430"

- (pictured page 17 of George M. Carrick's book „The Spyder California“)
- (pictured page 36 of Stanley Nowak's book „Ferrari Spider California“)

May 30, 1960 Raced at the SCCA Nationals in Bridgehampton/NY by Bob Grossman, placed 1st OA, race #9

May 30, 1960 Raced at the SCCA Nationals in Bridgehampton/NY by Bob Grossman, placed 7th OA (Class D-3), race #41

June 19, 1960 Raced at the Vanderbilt Cup by Bob Grossman, placed 1st OA

July 17, 1960 Raced at Marlboro/MD by Bob Grossman, placed 1st OA

August 6, 1960 Raced at the Montgomery Nationals by Bob Grossman, race #9, placed 3rd in class R5

September 5, 1960 Raced at the Thompson Nationals by Bob Grossman, race #91, placed 2nd

September 23, 1960 Raced at Watkins Glen by Bob Grossman, race #19, placed 2nd OA and 2nd in class

Later Owned by a banker in MD/USA

1970 Sold to Gerald T. Sutterfield, a Porsche dealer and major collector resident in Palm Beach Gardens, FL/USA

1976 Sold by Sutterfield through Stanley Nowak to Sidney V. Stoldt, resident in Ridgewood, NJ/USA

Then Overhauled and maintained by Jim McAllister's Grand Prix SSR in East Setauket, NY/USA

October 1981 Sold to Jon A. Masterson, resident in Long Beach, CA/USA  
Totally restored, repainted red and retrimmed with a tan interior, registered on California license plates "UJC 640"

August 28, 1983 Shown by Jon Masterson at the 33rd Annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elégance, 1st in class L for postwar European through 1960 open cars

June 21-24, 1984 Shown by Jon Masterson at the 20th Annual Ferrari Club of America Concours held at Stouffer's Pine Isle Resort at Lake Lanier in Georgia, won Best of Show

August 26, 1984 Shown by Jon Masterson at the 34th Annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elégance

1986 Shown by Jon Masterson at the Palm Beach Concours d'Elégance, Best of Show

December 1986/  
January 1987  
1990 Cover car and color featured in "Cavallino" magazine, issue #36  
Color featured on pages 42-53 of Stanley Nowak's book „Ferrari Spider California“

September 11/12,  
1993 Shown by Jon Masterson at the VI Annual Automobiles Classiques Concours d'Elégance at Parc de Bagatelle, Paris/France, winner of the Franklin Mint Award

August 24, 1994 Shown by Jon Masterson at the 30th Annual Ferrari Club of America International Concours d'Elégance at Hotel Hyatt in Monterey/CA/USA

August 28, 1994 Shown by Jon Masterson at the 44th Annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elégance, Class M-2 for Ferrari Grand Touring Spydery through 1967

June 24, 1995 Shown by Jon Masterson at the Rosso Rodeo meeting in Beverly Hills/CA/USA

January 21, 2000 Driven by Jon Masterson at the Ferrari Historic Challenge races during the IX Palm Beach Cavallino Classic in Moroso/FL

January 22, 2000 Shown by Jon Masterson at the IX Palm Beach Cavallino Classic Concours d'Elégance at The Breakers hotel in Palm Beach/FL

2007 Still owned by Masterson, quietly for sale at an asking price of US\$ 4'500'000

August 18, 2007 For sale at the RM Auction in Monterey/CA, estimated price US\$ 4'500'000, sold for US\$ 4'950'000 including buyer's premium to Martin D. Gruss of New York, NY/USA

January 24, 2008 Shown by Gruss during the XVIII Palm Beach Cavallino Classic held at The Breakers hotel in Palm Beach, FL/USA

April 4-8, 2009 Driven in the 19th Annual Bell Lexus Annual Copperstate Road Rallye in Arizona by Martin and Audrey Gruss

July 29-August 2,  
2009 Shown by Gruss during the 45th Annual Ferrari Club of America National Meeting held at Elkhart Lake/WI

August 23, 2009 Shown by Gruss during the 5th Annual Masterpiece Concours at Milwaukee, WI/USA

January 21/22, 2010 Shown by Gruss during the Palm Beach Cavallino Classic historic races at Moroso in Florida

Spring 2010 Undergoing refurbishment at Wayne Obry's Motion Products, Inc., in Neenah, WI/USA, repainted metallic silvergrey, Le Mans 1959 configuration

January 22, 2011 Shown by Gruss during the XX Palm Beach Cavallino Classic at The Breakers hotel in Palm Beach, FL/USA, winner of a Platinum Award

March 8, 2011 Inspected by Marcel Massini in the Martin Gruss Collection in Palm Beach/FL

July 4-12, 2014 Driven by Gruss in the meeting "Le 250 Tornano a Casa" in France and Italy

August 16, 2015 Shown by Gruss at the 65th Annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elégance, Class M-2 for Ferrari competition cars

- June 19, 2016 Shown by Gruss during the Special Wayne Oby Memorial and Tribute held during the 53rd Annual Ferrari Club of America National Meeting and Concours held in Dublin and Columbus, OH/USA, winner of the NART Award for the outstanding NART Ferrari
- December 6, 2017 For sale at the RM Sotheby's auction held at Sotheby's headquarters in New York, NY/USA, Lot #141, estimated price US\$ 14 to 17 Million, sold for US\$ 16'350'000 hammer price, total price US\$ 17'985'000 including buyer's premium, sold to Stu Carpenter's Copley Motorcars of Needham/MA, for Leslie Wexner in New Albany, NY/USA
- November 22, 2019 A COMPLETE REPLICA BASED ON CHASSIS #4079 GT: Photographed in Monaco with Monaco license plates "2170", still painted metallic silvergrey
- February 2023 Original car still with Wexner

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