



Touring Superleggera celebrates the 100th anniversary of Maserati at 2014 Techno-Classica Essen

Two outstanding restoration projects on show in Hall 6

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The famous Italian coachbuilder celebrates 100th anniversary of Maserati with two rare cars, both restored in the Touring premises of Milano to pristine condition after challenging work.

1956 Maserati A6G 2000, Frua bodywork. Partly reconstructed after the car was turned into a glider plane towing machine.

1962 Maserati 5000GT, Allemano bodywork. Refitting of the frame and structure, painstaking preservation of metal panels, original interior.

These cars are among the rarest non-racing productions of Maserati, from the period that saw it reaching its apex as manufacturer of fast, smoothly running, racy and luxurious sports car for the individualist.

Restorations are certified with the newly introduced Touring Certificate of Authentic Restoration.

1956 Maserati A6G2000 Frua Spider, VIN 2182

The last small scale, coach built Maserati before the introduction of the Touring designed 3500GT reached maturity with the 3rd iteration, introduced in the 1954 Mondial de l'Automobile in Paris. With a competitive DOHC engine and the fascinating shapes given by various *carrozzeri*, the series reached the status of emblem of the Italian sports car savoir-faire.

Of the 60 units built, # 2182 sold new to the San Francisco distributor was originally red with ivory stripe and ivory leather interior. After enjoyment by a number of US owners, the car was turned into a glider plane towing machine and as such returned to Europe.

The restoration at Touring Superleggera in Milan was substantial. The cahier des charges included the refurbishing of frame, underfloor and all underpinnings, repair of the original body panels and the full reconstruction of the then disappeared rear section.

Moulds had to be created for the chromed brass rear light and number plate frames, while accurate research lead to extensive reconstruction of the interior trim.

The job was completed in 2008 with sumptuous interiors coordinated with the colour combination chosen by the new owner.

1962 Maserati 5000GT Allemano

Rare, fast and special, effortless delivering a stunning performance, the 5000 GT represents the peak of Maserati's Grand Tourers and one of the most enjoyable supercars of the Sixties.

The chassis nr. 103.044, one of the 22 with Allemano body, was delivered new to an Italian customer. Remnants of this car were left in California, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany until this extensive restoration.



After straightening and symmetrising the frame, the job started with rust eradication. Most of the underbody and both side members had to be replaced.

The strategy was to save as much of the original metal as possible. So the whole front lower part, most of the roof and pillars, the windshield aperture, the bonnet and boot lid aperture frame, the wheel arches were repaired as far as possible, while refitting of the movable parts was limited to the perimetral section.

The briefing also required preservation of the original interior, which is now in place upon renewed seat structure.

The Touring Certificate of Authentic Restoration

The value of each classic car restored by Touring Superleggera is enhanced by the Certificate of authentic restoration. It warrants that the restoration is performed not only according to the art book, but also respecting rules and processes of the age they were built.

The certification requires a compelling historical research, the sourcing of original parts or their reconstruction based on original blueprints, the use of techniques contemporary to the construction age, and extends to the research of compatible colour palettes.

The History of Touring Superleggera

Touring Superleggera is worldwide recognized as one of the iconic names in Italian car design and coachbuilding. Founded by Felice Bianchi Anderloni and Gaetano Ponzoni in 1926, the company started to produce custom built automotive bodywork with two distinctive features from the very beginning: sporting elegance and lightness.

Early customers were reputed car makers as Isotta Fraschini and Alfa Romeo. It would mark the start of a flamboyant period, also culminating in the „Flying Star“ period with several spectacular spider coachworks.

Touring Superleggera also gradually researched the streamlining process. The marriage between this, and their Superleggera construction system using aluminium body panels over a light but rigid tubular steel frame, resulted in some extremely elegant masterpieces such as the 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C2900 Touring spider, which today have become icons of automotive design and body construction.

In 1945, the excellent Carlo Felice Bianchi Anderloni joined his father at the company, which soon started to receive its first orders from Enzo Ferrari. The Ferrari Tipo 166 Touring „Barchetta“ of 1950 formed a new milestone for light, elegant and effective design on a competition chassis.

Under Carlo Felice, Touring saw its industrial customer basis grow in the mainstream of the expanding automotive industry in Italy and Europe. A number of niche models were designed and built on Alfa Romeo 1900, Lancia Flaminia and Maserati 3500. Another new inspired car manufacturer from the Bologna area relied on Touring's skills: Lamborghini, that commissioned its first GT, the 350. In the same period Touring created another iconic automobile: the Aston Martin DB4, followed by the DB5 and 6, manufactured in Newport Pagnell with a license for the Superleggera bodywork system.



Since 2008, Carrozzeria Touring is an all-round supplier of automotive design, engineering and body manufacturing, with a strong and reputed restoration department specializing in high-end classic cars.

Design services range from style research to CAS. Engineering activity features body engineering, CAD feasibility studies, FEM/FES analysis, CFD/aerodynamic analysis, virtual crash test.

The manufacturing department provides style models, show cars, rolling concepts, street legal one-offs and limited production series. Recent models include the Bellagio Fastback based on Maserati Quattroporte and the production ready two-seater A8GCS Berlinetta winner of the “Best Supercar of the Year” award in 2009.

They were followed by the acclaimed Bentley Continental Flying Star (2010), manufactured in the company premises in Milan with the endorsement of Bentley Motors, and the Gumpert Tornante by Touring (2011), a superfast Grand Tourer commissioned by the excellent German sports car manufacturer.

In 2012, Touring celebrated a true icon and masterpiece from its rich heritage with the Disco Volante. Just as 60 years before, when the C52 ‘Disco Volante’ prototype saw the light, Touring Superleggera was triggered by the potential of one of the finest Alfa Romeo sports chassis to design an innovative, breathtaking body.

After receiving the coveted Design Award for Concept Cars & Prototypes at Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este 2013, the Disco Volante is now a street legal automobile, being built by hand in a limited run of up to eight units.

The company aims at perpetuating the core values of Touring design: purity, integrity, proportions, simplicity, resulting in timeless sporty elegance.

Design, manufacturing and restoration activities are run in the company premises nearby Milan.

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