



Iconic Ferrari Dino GTS, Previously Possessed by Led Zeppelin's Manager, up for Auction

Description

This month, a distinguished 1973 Ferrari 246 Dino GTS - a celebrated piece of automotive elegance formerly belonging to Peter Grant, the manager of the iconic rock band, Led Zeppelin, is poised to appear in an upcoming auction. Aesthetically resplendent in 'Rosso Bordeaux' and sporting a luxurious brown leather interior, this esteemed car is imbued with historic resonance and a distinctive pedigree that could potentially entice avid collectors and enthusiasts worldwide.

With a modest mileage of 1,007 miles, this particular Dino GTS stands as a singular testament to automotive brilliance. This car is notably one of only 235 right-hand-drive cars sold in the United Kingdom during the ebullient car market of the early 1970s - precisely between the years 1972 and 1974. Amongst these, it is one of a mere 114 cars adorned in this tastefully refined colour combination.

For an approximate duration of three years, this captivating machine was enjoyed by Peter Grant before being sold to its next custodian. This Dino GTS — throughout its journey on the road — has been diligently and devotedly preserved, as evidenced by acquisition receipts for major restoration work. This includes the substantial overhaul of the delicate suspension, a rebuilt braking system and the incorporation of an advanced, high-torque starter motor. Furthermore, the radiator has been meticulously renovated with a new header tank added as part of the process.

Happily, amidst this attentive refurbishment, it retains the nostalgic charm of its era's authenticity. This is exemplified through its original Cromodora alloy wheels, the analog instrumentation, and classically styled controls. The addition of a comprehensive history file, including documentation exchanged with the revered Ferrari factory situated in Maranello, Italy, and a first logbook rightly bearing Peter Grant's name, add further authenticity and allure to this high-end model.

Managed by Car & Classic, the auction is set to commence on February 22, with the gavel expected to fall on February 29. The esteemed vehicle comes with a projected estimate, although only speculative, of £275,000 - £350,000.

With a mild nod to Led Zeppelin's recognized fascination for supercars and, in particular, their fondness for Ferraris, Car & Classic's head of editorial, Dale Vinten, captured the overall sentiment eloquently. He said, "This Dino, a previous possession of Peter Grant, is an adored and serviceable piece with a verifiable history that stands testament to automotive heritage."

He further expounded: "Its significance transcends being a mere vehicle. Indeed, it has become a fragment of rock history, a remarkable piece of Led Zeppelin memorabilia and a beautifully preserved and coveted example of a 246 Dino GTS. Hopefully, it will be universally acknowledged and appreciated for its substantial historical importance, and ultimately find a suitable new home."

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Ebullient** // (adjective): Full of enthusiasm or excitement
2. **Resplendent** // (adjective): Shining brightly or splendidly
3. **Pedigree** // (noun): The origin or history of something, especially when it is impressive or important
4. **Captivating** // (adjective): Holding the attention and interest of; charming
5. **Authenticity** // (noun): The quality of being real or genuine
6. **Speculative** // (adjective): Based on guesses or on a little information

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word means cheerful and full of energy?

Option: Ebullient

Option: Resplendent

Option: Pedigree

Option: Captivating



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2. Who studies fossils to learn about ancient lifeforms?
- Option: Authenticity
 - Option: Paleontologist
 - Option: Herbivore
 - Option: Anatomical
3. What term refers to the quality of being trustworthy or dependable?
- Option: Prehistoric
 - Option: Exhumed
 - Option: Commencement
 - Option: Reliability
4. Which word describes something that adds extra or additional support?
- Option: Anticipation
 - Option: Forefront
 - Option: Supplemental
 - Option: Ostentatiously
5. What is a solid piece of debris from an object such as a comet or asteroid that originates in outer space and survives its fall to Earth called?
- Option: Meteorite
 - Option: Vibration
 - Option: Seismic
 - Option: Remnants
6. Which word means to dig out (something buried especially a corpse) from the ground?
- Option: Amendments
 - Option: Serendipity
 - Option: Paleontologist
 - Option: Exhumed
7. What word is used to describe something visually impressive or dazzling?
- Option: Speculative
 - Option: Revised
 - Option: Evaluator
 - Option: Resplendent
8. Which term is used to describe someone who is capable and skilled in a particular area?
- Option: Competent
 - Option: Spam
 - Option: Reliability
 - Option: Amendments



9. If something is based on conjecture rather than knowledge it is considered:

- Option: Serendipity
- Option: Paleontologist
- Option: Speculative
- Option: Revised

10. Which word means in a pretentious or showy manner designed to impress?

- Option: Extraterrestrial
- Option: Concurrent
- Option: Supplemental
- Option: Ostentatiously

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ to the contract were made to address the new regulations.
12. Their meeting was pure _____ as they both arrived at the same spot unexpectedly.
13. The company is at the _____ of technological innovation in the industry.
14. The archaeologists _____ the ancient artifacts from the burial site.
15. The manuscript was _____ multiple times before it was published.
16. A _____ primarily feeds on plants and vegetation.
17. The university _____ ceremony will take place next week.
18. The _____ of the engine could be felt throughout the ship.
19. The dog came from a long line of champions boasting an impressive _____.
20. The artist's performance was so _____ that the audience was spellbound.
21. The possibility of _____ life forms existing in the universe intrigues scientists.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

22. The antique shop guarantees the of all items sold.



23. The school board hired an to assess the effectiveness of the new curriculum.
24. The red color featured in the new collection caught everyone's attention.
25. Mark's email filter caught the unsolicited messages before they cluttered his inbox.
26. The region experienced a series of activities that raised concerns among residents.
27. The archaeologists discovered ancient of a long-lost civilization buried beneath the sand.
28. A leader knows how to motivate and guide their team to success.
29. The crowd waited in as the final results of the competition were announced.
30. Investing in volatile markets can be risky due to the nature of returns.
31. The two events are running but in different locations allowing attendees to participate in both.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Ebullient 2. Paleontologist 3. Reliability 4. Supplemental 5. Meteorite 6. Exhumed
7. Resplendent 8. Competent 9. Speculative 10. Ostentatiously

Gap-Fill: 11. Amendments 12. Serendipity 13. Forefront 14. Exhumed 15. Revised 16. Herbivore
17. Commencement 18. Vibration 19. Pedigree 20. Captivating 21. Extraterrestrial

Matching sentence: 1. Authenticity 2. Evaluator 3. Dominantly 4. Spam 5. Seismic 6. Remnants 7. Competent
8. Anticipation 9. Speculative 10. Concurrent

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