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This Alfa Romeo 33 Sport Wagon ‘Loden’ is a car hunter’s dream come true

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If you share our passion for rare, limited-edition estate cars, you will understand why this low-mileage, Loden edition Alfa Romeo 33 Sport Wagon has recently caused a stir in the Classic Driver editorial office.



With more than 120,000 cars produced, the Alfa Romeo 33 Sport Wagon is certainly not a rare gem. But we have always loved the geometric simplicity of the estate that was designed and produced by Pininfarina and initially badged Giardinetta when it came out in 1984. As many of the estate cars have fallen to rust and neglect since their heydays in the 1980s, it's becoming more and more difficult to find a decent example at a reasonable price – especially if you are looking for the rare four-wheel drive version, or one of the desirable limited editions. One of the most sought-after Sport Wagons is certainly the luxurious, Alpine-inspired ‘Loden’ edition, of which only 48 units were produced.



The name Loden refers to coarse, resistant woolen materials and fabrics introduced by Tyrolean shepherds and worn by hunters and outdoor workers all across the Alps. From a rustic material made by farmers from the Dolomites and Tyrol, loden has become an elegant fabric, appreciated by the Austrian and Hungarian nobility as well as the creative class of Milan and Turin, as this special edition Alfa Romeo demonstrates. The Loden color palette varies from grey to dark green – and we couldn’t think of a better spec for a classic estate than this green-over-green Sport Wagon.

According to the [Belgian dealer Gasoliscious](#) who is [listing the car for sale in the Classic Driver Market](#), the car is in 100% original condition, with the original paint. “Mechanically perfect, it is ready to meet the demands of even the most demanding enthusiasts.” At 14.950 Euros, any distinguished Alfisti shouldn’t need to think twice!

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