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Editor's Choice: 1972 Alfa Romeo Montreal

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Classic Alfa Romeos are not for sensitive souls, as many will testify. But what about the Montreal – a superb GT, or a technical nuisance? This immaculate example has a better chance than most of bringing a new owner delight without compromise.

Under the bonnet burbles a 2.6-litre V8, derived from the 2.0-litre V8s used in the '33' race cars of a similar vintage. Despite being detuned for the road, the SPICA fuel-injected motor redlines at 7,000rpm (almost unheard of in an early-70s V8) and promises 200bhp.

Meanwhile, the extravagant curves festooned with quirky details are the work of Marcello Gandini, the legendary designer who was working for Bertone during the development of the 1970 Montreal and its 1967 mid-engined concept forebear. Styling features such as the retractable headlight grilles and side louvres were carried over from the prototype – despite the latter being superfluous due to the relocation of the production car's engine to the front.



The example in question is being offered by Swedish Classic Driver dealer Angels Sports & Classic Cars (located 30 minutes from Copenhagen airport), and is in excellent condition.

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