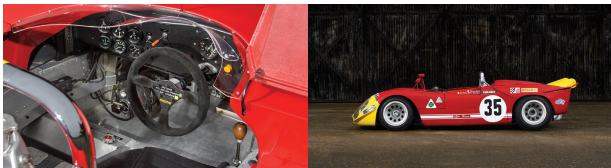


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[This Alfa Romeo Tipo 33/3 was the secret star of the movie 'Le Mans'](#)

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Supposedly raced by Nanni Galli in 1970 at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, this Alfa Romeo Tipo 33/3 might be one of the most desirable endurance racecars of its time. The Autodelta sports racer even had a cameo appearance besides Steve McQueen in the cult movie 'Le Mans'.



It has become something of a tradition that RM Sotheby's keeps some of the most exciting thoroughbred race cars for its bi-annual Monaco sale. [After surprising racing fans worldwide with the announcement of the sale of several cars from Nigel Mansell's private collection](#), the auction house has revealed another iconic racecar that will go under the hammer during the Monaco Grand Prix Historique on 17 May 2022. Recognized by the late Nanni Galli as the car he and Rolf Stommelen used in the 1970 edition of the 24 Hours of Le Man, [this stunning 1969 Alfa Romeo Tipo 33/3 Sports Racer](#) once again reminds us why the late 1960s and early 1970s are considered to be the wildest era in endurance racing.



While the 400-horsepower car with its distinctive yellow nose and long tail ran a comfortable 5th overall and second in class until the 16th hour, it was later disqualified for having been push-started after Galli had stopped on the circuit to check a loose oil pipe. Even so it had forged its reputation as a legendary competitor. Furthermore, it made an appearance on the silver screen next to Steve McQueen and his Gulf-Porsche 917 in the movie 'Le Mans'. With just four private owners from new and subjected to a comprehensive "rolling rebuild" in 2020, this Tipo will hopefully make a comeback on the track. RM Sotheby's expects the Alfa to sell for 1,700,000 to 2,100,000 euros.

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