

Maserati

3500 GT Vignale Spyder

First Registration: 15.11.1960

Capacity: 3.461 ccm

Mileage: 1.276 km

Color: Grigio Flemington

Output: 169 KW/230 HP

Interior: Leather, Creme

- One of approximately 250 3500 GT Spyder produced
- Original engine and factory-fitted 5-speed ZF transmission
- Original hardtop with sun roof
- Completely restored with over 2,800 hours of work
- Known history since 1960 and well documented with factory order form, shipping notice, and Maserati certificate of origin



On November 15, 1960, this distinctive Maserati GT 3500 with a Vignale Spyder body was ordered and given chassis number 1093. Special features of this order, placed through Dutch Maserati importer Maasland Company, included a Grigio Montebello (Max Meyer 16,003) body, neutral Connolly leather interior, optional ZF transmission, and a rare removable hardtop. The car was produced in December 1960 and delivered to Max Cohen in New York City on January 23, 1961. As it was known that the Maserati would return to Europe, the car was equipped with metric specifications, including the instrumentation. After its return to the Netherlands in the spring of 1963, the car was registered on March 11, 1963.

Mr. Cohen had a sunroof retrofitted to the hardtop before selling the car to its next owner, John Hootman. In 1968, Hootman sold it on to Bob Haagendoorn. After moving into a new house in early 1975, Haagendoorn had two Spyders parked in his driveway when Bart van der Weiden approached him. As one of the founding members of the Dutch Maserati Club, the two quickly became friends. Weiden had fallen in love with Haagendoorn's Spyder and was told that he would be the first choice when the time came to sell his beloved Maserati.



In 1977, the next major round of repairs and maintenance was due for the vehicle, but due to other commitments, the car was stored in the garage until there was time for a restoration. As the car was not being driven, it was deregistered in 1979 and remained there for the next 38 years. On December 22, 2015, Weiden purchased the Spyder, along with a Sebring and another 3500 GT, from his friend Marcel Lammerée. It was an emotional moment for everyone involved, as the garage had not been opened for so long and a tree had to be cut down before the Spyder could be revealed. Since he already had a Spyder in his collection, the car was sold to its current owner on January 2, 2016. Thanks to Haagendoorn's careful use, the car was in remarkably good condition and still had its five-speed transmission and original hardtop. The elaborate trunk lining was still original and in impressive condition. Even the original license plate, which had been attached for the first time in 1963, was still mounted on the car.

The restoration of the car began in 2016 and was a meticulous process. The Maserati was taken to Auto Sauer in Bamberg, where it was carefully dismantled and each part documented to determine its condition, with the restoration team paying particular attention to the car's unique details. New Cibie headlights and fog lights were sourced from old stock, a new windshield was made by URO-Glass in England, and a new wiring harness was obtained from Klaus Müller Kabelbäume.

The chassis and body were sanded down to bare metal for thorough inspection prior to repainting. Once the metalwork was complete, the frame and body were treated with an immersion primer to ensure complete coverage before being treated with a spray primer. Deviating from the original, the vehicle was repainted in the contemporary color Grigio Flemington (106-E-6), while the hardtop was repainted in its original color Grigio Montebello. In total, over 500 hours were spent on the bodywork alone.

The mechanical aspects of the vehicle were treated with the same care as the bodywork. The original engine with matching numbers was completely overhauled by the specialists at Heydt in Bamberg. New pistons, connecting rods, bearings, gaskets, and a timing chain were installed, and the water pump and radiator were overhauled. The five-speed manual transmission was sent to transmission specialist Hermann Oberlack, where it was completely disassembled and overhauled, and a new clutch was installed. The brakes and chassis components were also treated with the same care. The owner decided to replace the original steel rims with new Borrani wire wheels, and the steering was upgraded with EZ Electric power steering to improve drivability.

Most recently, the interior was reupholstered with completely new leather. The color Crema was chosen instead of the delicate Neutral Connolly leather with Bordo Bleu piping. This work was carried out by Erdmann Saddlery. The instruments were overhauled and the displays reset to zero kilometers after the complete overhaul of the vehicle. The vehicle was equipped with an Autovox radio, which has higher power and an AUX input for use with your phone.

After more than 2,800 hours of restoration work by renowned experts, the end result is a spectacular 3500 GT Spyder that invites you to enjoy it. With its well-known history dating back to 1960 and its magnificent presentation, this Maserati 3500 GT Vignale Spyder is not only a piece of automotive history, but also a coveted concours candidate and approved for touring events worldwide.