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## 1954 MASERATI TIPO A6GCS/53

- Ex Jean Estager Tour de France class winner
- Subsequently raced extensively in France and Spain
- Modified in period to longnose with headrest
- Comprehensively researched history and still complete with the original engine
- One of the most recognised and loved participants on the Mille Miglia, initially in the 1980's in the hands of Stirling Moss and 15 times with its current owners family!

The A6GCS/53 was a triumph from its dazzling debut in the 1947 season. The Maserati 2-Litre, 1,985cc inline six was updated with a cast aluminium block and overhead twin cam with dual plug ignition to produce 170bhp - gaining 50bhp on the A6GCM Grand Prix car from whence the engine came. Combined with the lightweight tubular chassis from Gilco, vast hydraulic drum brakes and drivers such as Ascari at the wheel, these spartan sports racers seemed unstoppable. Indeed, the successes of the A6GCS/53 provided such an economic bolster to Maserati, that it was able to make the transition from building purely racing machines to producing some of the most beautiful road-going cars of the era.

#2071 has led a rich sporting life across several continents. Its engine blasted on to the competition scene when it powered Luigi Musso's car to fourth place in the 1954 Mille Miglia before being united with its matching chassis upon its completion in May 1954, the same year in which Jean Estager drove the motor car to a class victory in the Tour de France. Fitted with its distinctive 'slipper nose' later that year, the car then passed between private enthusiasts in South America, California and Europe and undergoing an extensive restoration in Holland. Following its restoration, it was entered by its German owner in to the 1986 Mille Miglia with none other than Sir Stirling Moss at the wheel.

The recent entry list is vast and varied, encompassing Tour Auto, Laguna Seca and no fewer than fifteen Mille Miglia entries with its current custodian. The Maserati is accompanied by an extensively researched history and retains its original engine. This immensely eligible and capable Maserati is one of the finest of its kind.

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