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2008 - Ferrari F430 GTC F131 Evo



Make:	Ferrari
Model:	F430 GTC F131 Evo
Year:	2008
Location:	Germany
Type:	Coupé
Chassis Number:	F131EVOGTC*2626*
Drive:	LHD
Road Registered:	No
Competition Ready:	Yes
FIA HTP:	No
Interior Color:	Silver and black carbon
Exterior Color:	Red, white, green AF Corse
Price:	P.O.A.

Key Features

- Raced as a factory-supported entry in FIA GT & the 24 Hours of Le Mans (twice)
- Driven by factory drivers Luis Perez-Companc, Jaime Melo, Gianmaria Bruni, Giancarlo Fisichella, Toni Vilander
- One of just 11 F430 GTC Evo "widebody" built
- Presented in race-ready condition with Ferrari Classiche certification
- Eligible for Endurance Racing Legends, Masters Endurance Legends and Ferrari's Club Competizione GT program

Description

We are delighted to offer this stunning 2008 ex-AF Corse Ferrari F430 GTC F131 EVO #2626 for sale.

The Ferrari 430 GTC was introduced in 2006 to replace the 360 GTC and to race in GT2 class in the FIA GT Championship, the American Le Mans Series and the Le Mans 24 Hours. Over the next 5 years, it became Ferrari's most successful GT racing car of the late 2000s, both in Europe and the USA, taking multiple GT2 Driver's & Manufacturers' titles, plus GT2 class victory and podiums at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Developed in partnership by Corse Clienti and Michelotto Automobili, it was derived from the excellent F430 Berlinetta road car, whilst employing the many lessons learned from its racing predecessor, the 360 Modena GTC. The car's 90 degree 4-litre V8 produced 450 bhp and was mated to a Hewland manual sequential gearbox and proved most reliable. Around 53 cars were produced in total, with just 11 of these being the later and very rare Evoluzione cars.

Right from its debut in 2006 up to its final season of top flight competition, the F430 GTC enjoyed success in every major national and international championship, plus the major endurance races. The model took the FIA GT2 Manufacturers' Cup in 2006 & 2007, plus 3 consecutive GT2 Drivers' titles in the same series across 2006-08. Across the Atlantic it took the 2007 ALMS GT2 Manufacturers' title and perhaps ultimately took GT2 honours at the 2008 24 Hours of Le Mans. Needless to say the car took countless victories and podiums in races across the above series, plus many other national GT Championships.

Chassis 2626 is 1 of just 11 Evo cars built, and enjoyed a lengthy and successful career between 2008 and 2011. Prepared by AF Corse throughout its life, #2626 was raced both as a 'works' and a privateer entry in FIA GT and Le Mans Series. In addition, it competed and finished in the 2009 and 2011 24 Hours of Le Mans and the Sebring 12 hours. Many of the best Ferrari GT2 drivers raced 2626 including the likes of Giancarlo Fisichella, Jaime Melo, Gianmaria Bruni and Toni Vilander who were all factory drivers.

#2626's inaugural season was in the 2008 FIA GT Championship where it raced as an AF Corse entry driven by Maria's Russo and Luis Perez-Companc. The pairing were consistently successful in this hotly contested championship bringing home 1 win at San Luis, thereby helping AF Corse secure the Teams Championship. In 2009 it only raced in the 12 Hours of Sebring with a splendid 2nd in class and the 24hr of Le Mans where #2626 finished a respectful 6th in class. In 2010, the car had a busy racing schedule in the Le Mans Series (LMS) where it was mostly driven by Jaime Melo and Gianmaria Bruni with 2 wins, at Algarve and Silverstone, and a 2nd place finish in the Spa 1000k race.

2011 was the final season for #2626 with a repeat of its 2009 schedule of the Sebring 12 hours and Le Mans 24 hours. At Sebring, Pierre Kaffer, Giancarlo Fisichella and Gianmaria Bruni qualified 1st in class and finished 5th. At the Le Mans 24hr, #2626 was entered in the GTE Am-class where Nicolas Marroc, Jean-Marc Menahem and Manual Rodrigues finished just



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outside the podium with a 4th in-class. The car's impressive career saw it finish in the top 3 in class on 5 occasions with 3 victories and 2 podiums. In its life #2626 raced at many of the iconic circuits including Sebring, Le Mans, Spa-Francorchamps, Silverstone, Monza, Portimao and Paul Ricard. The full race history of chassis 2626 is listed in the History section below.

After it was retired from competition, AF Corse restored #2626, obtaining the coveted 'Red Book' Classiche certification in the process. The engine has been rebuild by Michelotto in 2019, the gearbox was rebuild in 2022 and both have less than 3000km running time (8000km life). The car is in stunning condition and comes with 2 sets of spare wheels, 1 splitter, 1 front bumper, exhaust silencer, LeMans gear-ratios and miscellaneous running spares. All date-related items such as the fuel cell, seat, belts and crack testing are current so that is in 100% race-ready condition with nothing further to spend. Evidence of its capabilities was given when #2626 was reunited with factory driver Toni Vilander at the Le Mans Classic 2023 ERL race where, despite stiff competition, it convincingly won its GT2C-class.

This is a rare opportunity to acquire a works supported Ferrari 430 GTC EVO "Wide Body" with impressive race history which would sit proudly in any discerning Ferrari collection while also being eligible to race in Peter Auto's Endurance Racing Legends, Masters Endurance Legends and Ferrari's Club Competizione GT program where it would be a welcome and competitive entry.

History

Racing History of Ferrari F430 GTC #2626

Year	Race	Drivers	Class Quali	Class result
2008	FIA GT - Tourist Trophy	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc	8th	9th
2008	FIA GT - Monza	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc	9th	9th
2008	FIA GT - Adria	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc	4th	6th
2008	FIA GT - Oschersleben	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc	4th	6th
2008	FIA GT - Bucharest (two races)	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc	4th	DNF/6th
2008	FIA GT - Brno	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc	5th	6th
2008	FIA GT - Nogaro	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc	6th	9th
2008	FIA GT - Zolder	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc	5th	5th
2008	FIA GT - San Luis	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc	1st	1st
2009	12 Hours of Sebring	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc / Gianmaria Bruni	3rd	2nd
2009	24 Hours of Le Mans	Maria's Russo / Luis Perez-Companc / Gianmaria Bruni	7th	6th
2010	Le Mans Series - Le Castellet 8 Hours	Jaime Melo / Gianmaria Bruni	1st	DNF
2010	Le Mans Series - Spa 1000km	Jaime Melo / Gianmaria Bruni	1st	2nd
2010	Le Mans Series - Algarve 1000km	Jaime Melo / Gianmaria Bruni	1st	1st
2010	24 Hours of Spa	Bert Longin / Gianmaria Bruni / Eric van de Poele / Toni Vilander	1st	DNF
2010	Le Mans Series - Hungaroring 1000km	Giancarlo Fisichella / Toni Vilander / Jean Alesi	2nd	4th
2010	Le Mans Series - Silverstone 1000km	Jaime Melo / Gianmaria Bruni	3rd	1st
2011	12 Hours of Sebring	Pierre Kaffer / Giancarlo Fisichella / Gianmaria Bruni	1st	5th
2011	24 Hours of Le Mans	Nicolas Marroc / Jean-Marc Menahem / Manuel Rodrigues	5th (GTE Am)	4th

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