



Ferrari 500 Mondial Spider Pinin Farina #0408 MD owned by Jeff Abramson:

The XXI Mille Miglia began in Brescia, Italy, on the 1st of May 1954. A total of 24 Ferraris were entered for this event, five of them were 500 Mondial Spiders bodied by Carrozzeria Pinin Farina (entered in the Sports Car Category up to two liters engine capacity).

As of May 1st, 1954, only five Mondials with Pinin Farina bodies had been built. Of these five Mondials one car (race #523) did not have the standard Pinin Farina coachwork.

This leaves four 500 Mondial Spiders with standard Pinin Farina coachwork in the 1954 Mille Miglia:

Race#	Driver and co-driver	Chassis#	Seam	Plates
459	Paolo Pineschi and Mirko Landini		Yes	
508	Enzo Neri and Alberto Neri	0414 MD	No	FO 29289
512	Bruno Sterzi and O. Rossi		Yes	BO
516	Franco Cortese	0426 MD	Yes	Prova MI 444

By May 1, 1954, only these four Ferrari 500 Mondial Spiders with standard Pinin Farina configuration had been completed. Of these four, three had a diagonal riveted seam connecting the rear fender to the body. One of the four didn't have the riveted seam.

Chassis#	Certificate of Origin issued	Seam
0408 MD	27 March 1954	Yes
0414 MD	27 March 1954	No
0418 MD	8 April 1954	Yes
0426 MD	29 April 1954	Yes

The Italian road registration documents for the Forli "FO 29289" license plates are on file and are issued for chassis 0414 MD in the name of Neri. This is race #508 of Neri-Neri, the car does not have the riveted seam.

Chassis 0418 MD is a standard Pinin Farina Spider pre-sold new but not yet delivered to Mrs. Bianca Maria Piazza of Trieste, Italy. The Piazza couple did not use their brand new 500 Mondial Spider. Instead they participated in the 1954 Mille Miglia with their Ferrari 250 MM Pinin Farina Berlinetta (race #533).

Chassis 0426 MD is a standard Pinin Farina Spider which is generally considered to be the car with race #516 driven by Franco Cortese and co-driver Perrucchini (using the dealer plates of Franco Cornacchia in Milan).

By process of elimination chassis 0408 MD must have participated as either race #459 of Pineschi-Landini or race #512 of Sterzi-Rossi and the final 500 Mondial Spider was then chassis 0418 MD.

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