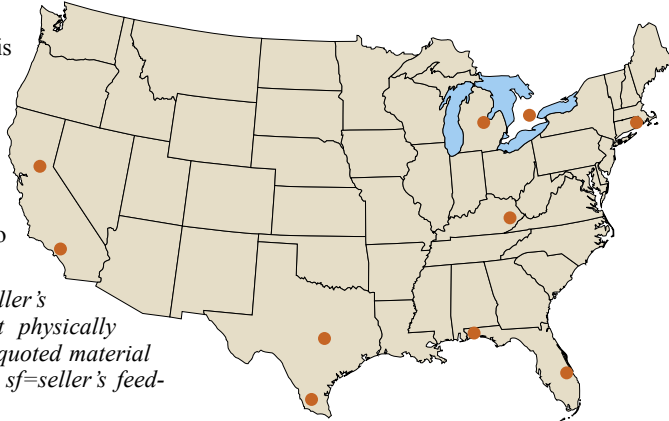


Report by Geoff Archer  
Market opinions in italics

**T**here exists in this world of cars a small but devoted group of people who live on the fringe, people convinced it's their task in life to change the Fieros, MR2s, and Volkswagens of the world into things that just shouldn't be.

*Condition inferred from seller's descriptions; cars were not physically examined by the author. All quoted material take from the eBay listings. sf=seller's feedback; bf=buyer's feedback*



**#1700240532-2003 TOYOTA MR2 Ferrari 360 Replica roadster.** S/N JTDFFR320530056468. Red/black/red & black leather. Odo: 18,800 miles. 13 photos. Burbank, CA. "Car is immaculate, completely redone. The kit came with the car when it was first purchased and a local auto body put it together." Based on a salvage-titled MR2. "Everything on the car works perfect. New paint, new leather interior, 18-inch wheels, new low profile tires.



Shaved doors-keyless entry. Car is very clean, a real eye catcher, turns a lot of heads. Be the envy of your friends and neighbors." 40 bids, sf 35, bf private. Cond: 2. **SOLD AT \$28,700.** *I can think of a couple of real mid-engined Ferrari models one could have approached with this money. This sale price was inexplicable. Apparently none of the bidders heeded the seller, who reminded us, "Keep in mind that a 2003 MR2 sells for over \$15k."*

**#1700284307-1962 FERRARI 250 GTO Replica coupe.** S/N HLS30382787. Primer/black. 10 photos. Rocklin, CA. Velo Rosso replica based on a 1977 Datsun 280Z (with 1973 VIN plate to dodge smog regs). Stock Datsun driveline, includes optional V8 mounting brackets (but no V8). Kit was designed for a spyder, but the rear wheel tubs are set up to retain coupe



configuration. "You will need to bring a U-haul truck to transport car and parts. Car is on jack stands but can be moved easily with a few people. I will help get the car in the U-haul." 6 bids, sf 3, bf 143. Cond: 4. **SOLD AT \$2,551.** *Seller suggested this is a "Good start for someone that will gain from my loss." Doesn't seem likely to me. Judging from the few nicely completed 250 GTO replicas I've seen on eBay, sellers tend to ask \$20k for these cars, while bidders fade off at \$6k or \$7k. Perhaps, like me, they're still mad that the dream-sequence GTO in "Vanilla Sky" wasn't a real one, either.*

**#1700391260-1985 PONTIAC FIERO Ferrari & Lamborghini Replica coupe.** S/N 1G2PF37R3FP205741. Red/black leather. Odo: 61,105 miles. 7 photos. Pikeville, KY. "You are looking at a REPLICAKIT car of a mix between Lambourghini and Fararri on 85 Pontiac Fiero frame. The car runs great. I bought it thru e-bay 3 yrs ago and drove from Florida to Kentucky. It was fun. I got alot of



respect and Royal treatments from resturants and hotels." 35 bids, sf 39, bf 4. Cond: 3. **SOLD AT \$6,301.** *Will we one day have to find and restore all the poor Fieros that have been thusly clad? Will they be like the lost Ferrari chassis hidden under a Devin? At least this price was more in line with tasteless frivolity—even if it is double what I would have expected.*

**#1600374769-1991 MODENA FERRARI 250 GT replica roadster.** S/N RI1724. Red/black/tan. Odo: 40,923 miles. 17 photos. Warwick, RI. "This more than a car, it is a sculpted work of art and an automotive legend! ...a ground up reproduction of the spectacular,



rare, short wheel base Ferrari 250GT California Spyder....manufactured in 1991 by Modena, the same people who built a simiar Ferrari featured in the movie 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off.' The body and chrome work are perfect." Daytona wire wheels, Connolly leather interior. Ford 289 makes 378 hp, 5-speed manual. Impressive 40k reliable miles. 22 bids, sf 894, bf 423. Cond: 2. **SOLD AT \$40,000.** *"While it is a reproduction, three Ferrari owners have driven the car without suspecting that it is not one of the 100 of these automobiles that were made by Ferrari in the early 1960s." Pop-quiz: These Ferrari owners are a) probably not on SCM's list of the Top 50 collectors, b) just the sort of folks who would pay early Ferrari 328 money for a Ford-engined replica, or c) all of the above?"*

**#2800230968-1992 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Ferrari Daytona Replica roadster.** S/N 1G1YY33P8N5116135. Red/black/red. Odo: 68,800 miles. 34 photos. Maitland, FL. "Listing this car for a retiree in Florida who is selling the vehicle to pay for his retirement care facility." Cost \$50k to build. This "Miami Vice" kit on a C4 Corvette basis trades off improved handling and ergonomics for authenticity; retains Vette seats and sports some very



plain five-spoke mags. 4 bids, sf 1023, bf 58. Cond: 3. **SOLD AT \$15,100.** *Market-correct price (believe it or not), and I guess it's just a bonus that "the male owner says the car single-handedly attracted women to him and helped him get lucky countless times during his days as a younger man."*

**#4646393758-1931 ALFA ROMEO REPLICARoadster.** S/N n/a. Red/black. Odo: 221 miles. 22 photos. Saginaw, MI. After writing "Alfa Romero" in a huge font seller later corrected with, "The proper name I am told is; Alfa Romeo. Alfa Romero vs. Bugatti were the cars in the 1920-1930 car races (long before NASCAR, Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt)." Fiberglass replica based on a 1967 VW Beetle.



# Fresh Meat

Online sales of recent production cars.

## 2007 BMW 335I COUPE



**Date sold:** 01/16/2007  
**eBay auction ID:** 190071855148  
**Seller:** RK Motor Company, Dallas, TX [www.rkmotorcompany.com](http://www.rkmotorcompany.com)  
**Sale Type:** Used car, 252 miles  
**Details:** Space Gray/Dakota black leather. Twin turbo 3.0-L I6. Auto.  
**Sale result:** \$47,345, 11 bids, sf 10, bf private.  
**MSRP:** \$47,345  
**Other current offering:** BMW of Orland Park, Orland Park, IL, [www.autosportusa.net](http://www.autosportusa.net), asking \$46,897 for black/tan car with 1,604 miles.

## 2007 SATURN SKY RED LINE



**Date sold:** 01/11/2007  
**eBay auction ID:** 190069697365  
**Seller:** Private individual in CA  
**Sale Type:** "RIGHTS TO PURCHASE" only, not car itself, at MSRP.  
**Details:** Bluestone Metallic/black leather. 260-hp turbo. LSD, OnStar.  
**Sale result:** \$1,125, 7 bids, sf 12, bf 17.  
**MSRP:** \$30,385  
**Other current offering:** Saturn of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ, [www.saturnofscottsdale.com](http://www.saturnofscottsdale.com), asking \$37,990 for silver car with 492 miles.

## 2007 MERCEDES-BENZ S65 AMG



**Date sold:** 01/10/2007  
**eBay auction ID:** 170066963355  
**Seller:** Exotic Motor Cars, Boynton Beach, FL, [www.8887exotic.com](http://www.8887exotic.com)  
**Sale Type:** New car with 82 miles  
**Details:** Obsidian Black/black nappa leather. Renntech upgrades to 695 hp and 850 ft-lb.  
**Sale result:** \$216,900, 33 bids, sf 38, bf 4.  
**MSRP:** \$181,500  
**Other current offering:** Mercedes-Benz of Pembroke Pines, Pembroke Pines, FL, [www.mercedesbenz-ofpembrokepines.com](http://www.mercedesbenz-ofpembrokepines.com), asking \$200,500 for 273-mile S65 AMG (without Renntech).◆

1600-cc flat four in the back (polished, ported and balanced.) Painted wire rims are from the 1930s (marque not specified). Over 50 first-place car show trophies. Custom 13-ft trailer included. 23 bids, sf 77, bf 8. Cond: 2. **SOLD AT \$8,250.** Seller cautioned, "I would highly not recommend that you jump on the interstate with it and try and hit 90 MPH." Me, either; but if you do, please have a bystander take some video for posterity/YouTube. A fair price for a show winner with a custom trailer, no matter how you spell it.

#1500774622-1974 **KELMARK GT coupe.** S/N n/a. Light metallic blue/black. Odo: 2,600 miles. 13 photos. Spicewood, TX. Sits on a '68 VW pan with IRS. "Beautiful ice blue paint with clear coat. Shines awesome. Ferrari decals and badging keeps em guessing." I have to admit that the custom interior featuring a "Lamborghini Diablo replica dash" actually looks fantastic. 2017-cc VW engine with twin Weber 44s "has a low rumble, that sounds more



like a V-8 than a 4 cylinder. When it hits around 5000 rpm, it sounds more exotic." Very well done (for what it is). 28 bids, sf 16, bf 51. Cond: 3. **SOLD AT \$10,100.** It goes without saying that the Kelmark GT is the kit car that first put the "NO" in "ItaliaNO." It blew my mind that 15 people fought to pay five figures for one. If you'd asked me, I would have suggested financing a 308 Dino and holding on to the \$10 large for repair bills.

#4578126850-1974 **FIBERFAB AZTEC coupe.** S/N n/a. Yellow/black. 19 photos. Oshawa, ONT. Seller says this is a "replica of an Alfa Romeo Carabo." Built on a '74 VW Beetle pan, "The design is very true to the Alfa with a few exceptions, it is not quite as low, does not have a V8 and does not have scissor doors." Fresh paint. "The Windsheild is the original Lamborghini Miura windscreen and is perfect.



I have seen these for sale for up to \$2500 alone. Has the original Alfa and Bertone decals installed where they should be, looks great." No wipers or turn signals. 1 bid, sf 56, bf 56. Cond: 3. **SOLD AT \$3,000.** Seller offers two tests; 1) "If you are over 5 foot 10 inches don't bid," 2) "Don't bid unless you are serious and want a toy because that is what this is." I say don't bid

unless you really need a windshield for your Miura and a funny story to tell at the pub.

#2000265158-1986 **PONTIAC FIERO Ferrari 355 Spider Replica roadster.** S/N n/a. Red/black/red. Odo: 3,000 miles. 13 photos. Pensacola, FL. "This is a 1986 Fiero, built from the ground up. It has a 350 crate motor in it that is less than a year old. The motor only has 3,000 miles on it. As you can see this car has been completely converted to resemble the new body



style Ferrari 355 spider in every way shape and form." Kenwood stereo with huge woofers. 10 bids, sf 1, bf 32. **SOLD AT \$15,000.** Right now there is a real Ferrari 308 GTSi on Autotrader for \$19k. It has a V8, it has a removable top, and it's an actual FERRARI. Did the seller not know that? I would consider volunteering for some kind of telephone hotline to help keep people informed.

#3000378512-2006 **IFG LAMBORGHINI DIABLO VT Replica coupe.** S/N 244761. Yellow/tan. Odo: 143 miles. 22 photos. McAllen, TX. Lamborghini data plate is a nice touch. Options include DVD, "night vision waterproof rear camera," carbon fiber dash, gauges with "Lamborghini and bull on face," and... "tracking device lets you know where this puppies been in real time." Two forthcoming developments: 1) "car has being re-upholstered



with Black Ostrich on center column and kick panels", 2) "CAR IS BEING FITTED WITH 3.8 SUPERCHARGED ENGINE W/SMALLER PULLY TO GET AROUND 300+HP W/HD TRANS. ALL REBUILT." 5 bids, sf 24, bf 1. Cond: 2. **SOLD AT \$25,600.** Seller says, "the car was purchased for \$30,000, and IFG of S.C.A did another \$27,000 worth of work." Does that mean this is the third time someone has lost \$30k on the very same car inside of one year? Sorry, that's unfair. Although all of it was unavoidable, only half to two thirds of this bid will be forever unrecoverable. Next time buy a Urraco, an Espada, a Jarama, or a Jalpa. PLEASE.◆