



1960 Taraschi Front Engine Formula Junior Serial Number #051

The front engine Taraschi Formula Junior serial #051 was built by the Meccanica Taraschi in Teramo, Italy and shipped in March of 1960 to the Biener Pontiac Dealership, which, in 1960, was an exclusive dealer for Taraschi and other Italian manufacturers of sport / race cars in New York, New York.

Formula Junior is an open wheel racing class, started in October 1958 in Italy. This class was designed to offer an inexpensive entry to young drivers to race Formula One type cars with open wheels, a single seat and manual transmission, by using existing mechanical components from production automobiles. The class was immediately successful in Italy with production of these race cars in other countries such as France, England, Germany, and others.

The buyer of the car when it arrived from Italy in 1960 was Mr. Bates. He, after a few races, sold the car in 1961 to Mr. Tom Johnson of Dallas. The car was raced in 1961 and 1962 by Mr. Johnson in Texas and Louisiana, and then it was parked in Johnson's son Alan's garage in Dallas at the end of '62. Alan and his brother Mike took the car apart for restoration, but the project never took off.

Due to the continuous improvements brought to the Junior car class, the price kept rising, making the class too expensive, and causing the end of the class altogether around 1966-68.

At the end of the 60's most of the Junior race cars around the world had been parked and forgotten. However due to the widespread availability of mechanical components from the production automobiles of the 50's and early 60's, utilized for the Junior class from the 90's, most of the Junior cars have been resurrected. The cars are now a very expensive old-new historic vintage car class.

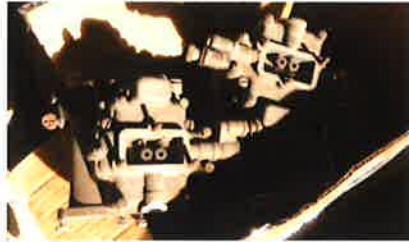
The Taraschi serial # 051 remained disassembled and parked for over 40 plus years in the garage of Alan Johnson until Ugo Piccagli bought the car. He began the restoration process to bring the car to the same condition as the day it left the Meccanica Taraschi factory in Teramo, Italy in 1960.

The Taraschi Junior serial #051 has a Fiat 4-cylinder 1100 cc displacement engine, 4-speed manual transmission, drum brakes all around and mounts Borrani spoke wheels, 12" in front and 14" in the rear. Having obtained all needed information for the restoration from the Taraschi records in Teramo, Italy, including original paint combination of the body, Mr. Piccagli dedicated much time and effort to bring the car back to its pristine condition, including the little details. He found even the smallest parts as in the original car including screws, bolts, hoses, clips, carburetors (sand cast 32' Webber) and more.

The following pictures and detailed information on the originality of the car testify on the condition of the car as found and as it is now.



Car as found in 2013



Mechanical and body restoration



Car Completed in December 2020



Record of Main Part Originality and Passport for Car Shipment to U.S.A from Italy

Items	As new in 1960	As restored in 2020
Serial Number	BT 051	BT 051
Engine Number Fiat Four Cylinder	103-021	103-021
Instruments	Jaeger RPM VDO oil pressure, oil temperature, water temperature	Jaeger RPM VDO oil pressure, oil temperature, water temperature
Carburetors	32 Weber Sand Cast DCOA3	32 Weber Sand Cast DCOA3
Steering Wheel	3 Spoke Nardi	3 Spoke Nardi
Brakes	Fiat 1100 drums all around	Fiat 1100 drums all around
Transmission	Fiat 4 Speed + Reverse Manual	Fiat 4 Speed + Reverse Manual
Cylinder Head	Fiat 1100-103	Fiat 1100-103
Rear End	Fiat 600	Fiat 600
Oil Pan	Aluminum Stamped Giannini Roma	Aluminum Stamped Giannini Roma
Body Color	Red with Yellow Stripe	Red with Yellow Stripe
Fuel Tank	Original Taraschi	Original Taraschi
Hand Break Rare in Formula Junior Cars	On Right Rear Wheel	On Right Rear Wheel

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Motore B-T - 051

MOTORE 103 / 021

Auto di numero 103-021

Sulle tanghette della valvola
con guarnizione originale
1960

Esportato in USA alle
Dalle Bicima Pontedera
pubblicato il 28.2.60

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Prenotare il motore alla Taraschi

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