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## FACTS & STORY

Bizzarrini AMX/3 Spyder (Italy, 1971)

SPECIAL EDITIONS

scale 1/43

#05044

release

06/2023

limited edition 333 Stk.



## Origin uncertain

AMC – the abbreviation stood for “American Motors Corporation” – had set itself the task to design a bestseller sports car featuring a mid-engine concept, which was supposed to outstrip the Type Pantera of the direct rival DeTomaso, at the end of the 1960s.

Early on, the designation for the car stand firm – AMX/3. Written out it reads “American Motors Experimental, the third type”

The number of cars ever produced is uncertain. There was no doubt that there were three ready-to-drive cars and two vehicles in the factory, which were almost finished completely. Among experts, however, the opinion circulates that there were not five, but six AMX/3. In addition, there was probably another, later built series of five to ten cars. Although there may be a big question mark behind the actual number built up, all were certain that there was no Spyder type among the AMX/3. But exactly such a design appeared in Brussels in 2002.

An clear assignment of the car was obviously not possible. Some experts suggested that the sports car based on the AMX/3 chassis number 9. But

this may not be true. The engine came from Chevrolet and not from the production of AMC. In addition, the wheelbase and track width did not match the dimensions of the AMX/3. Visually, it was also denied a close relationship.

Whether the story that the Spyder is an offshoot of the 1966 Bizzarrini P 538 racing car comes close to the truth is also not verifiable yet.

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