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Lancia Flaminia 3C 2.8 Speciale

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This really is a staggeringly beautiful little berlinetta, isn't it? Taking the pretty Flaminia as a base - which was available in numerous variants, from swoopy coupés to presidential limos - this Jetsons-like interpretation first broke cover at the 1963 Turin Motor Show. It demonstrates a glorious mix of the classic and the futuristic; look, for example, at the contrast between the front and rear lights - up front it's all early-sixties chrome traditionalism, while at the rear it's pure concept car.

The design was down to Tom Tjaarda of Pininfarina, whose CV is beyond impressive ([click here](#) for a taster). The car was later shown at the 1964 Brussels Motor Show, and again at the Italian Concorso in '65. It thereafter became the personal transport of Battista 'Pinin' Farina. Good to see a one-off concept actually being used!

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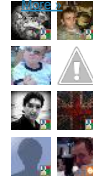
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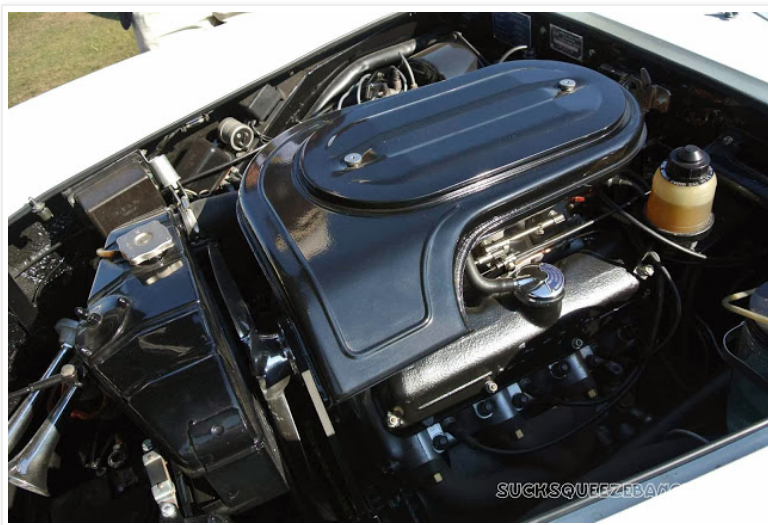
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