

# The "Gulf" Daimler SP 250

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In 2011 I took over the "remains" of a Daimler restoration project. In those days, I wanted to dedicate myself to this project after my retirement. Thanks to Covid, things have now turned out quite differently: With the absence of foreign guests and the associated hibernation of the watch and jewelry industry, I have come into a lot of free time more or less overnight. So, instead of complaining, I started my most extensive Daimler SP 250 project to date 10 years earlier than planned.

The starting point was a 1960 Daimler, which I had taken over in pieces from an aborted restoration. The body with the number 737-0785 was originally painted red. It has already been roughly filled and primed. Because my father-in-law and Daimler friend Kurt had a roll bar to give away and I already had two "normal" Darts in the garage, I decided to turn the third baby into a racing Daimler.

12 months and many hours of garage work later, I was able to present the "Gulf" Daimler to the Daimler SP 250 Club members ([www.sp250.ch](http://www.sp250.ch)) at the spring meeting on 8 May 2021 in Sempach, Switzerland.

This project has shown me one thing again: good craftsmanship

cannot be valued enough. If you also have a restoration project, I can highly recommend these experts:

Body scrub: Albisser Peter, CH-Sempach

Mechanics / Advice: garage De Zorzi Mirco, CH-Sempach

Interior / Advice: Saddlery De Zorzi Nadja, CH-Sempach

Painter: Polzin Roger, Krebs Carosserie, CH-Reiden

Gulf-Decor: Beschrifterei, Steffi Häfliger, CH-Sempach

Spare parts: David Manners, Brian Purves, Robert Grinter (all GB), Demler Christian (D)

Seats: BB-Classics (GB)

The project would not have been possible without the active support from the Daimler family. First and foremost, Kurt Wicki, who, together with me, kept looking for new solutions and finally found them.

I'm looking forward to being on the road with the "Gulf" Daimler and perhaps making a contribution to making the unrecognized jewel Daimler Dart a little better known (and more sought-after).

If you know someone for whom the "Gulf" Daimler would be a good advertising medium, I look forward to hearing from you.

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