

Rare for Sale: 1986 Pontiac Grand Prix 2+2

Auctions America has one of my favorite obscure 1980s cars coming up to the block this weekend: a 1986 Pontiac Grand Prix 2+2.

If you're reading Auto Waffle, you probably know what a "homologation special" is, but just to recap:

Many racing series require that a manufacturer's racing cars have to be based on one of their road cars. Thus, homologation comes into play. The cars generally have to have a certain number of cars produced (FIA standard, for instance, is 500 units) before they can be eligible for race use.

Well, even NASCAR has these rules. In the mid-1980s, when the cars were still mostly based on production car bodies, race teams from Chevrolet and Pontiac were flat out tired of being spanked by Bill Elliott and his aerodynamic Ford Thunderbird. So, GM and some of its NASCAR teams went to the drawing board and they came up with two cars: the Monte Carlo SS Aerocoupe for Chevrolet, and this, the Grand Prix 2+2 for Pontiac.





The 2+2 shares the same special bubble rear window as the Monte Carlo SS Aerocoupe, which of course improved high speed aerodynamics in a manner similar to the Thunderbird. According to Pontiac Historic Services, just 1,225 of these cars were built. Compare that to the 6,252 Monte Carlo SS Aerocoupe, and you can see that this is quite the rare bird. This car has only

11,000 miles on the odometer, and comes with many features that would clearly never be found in a NASCAR Sprint Cup car (Winston Cup, at the time). Some of the standout features include an automatic transmission, power windows, power locks, power brakes, and power steering.

When the Pontiac Grand Prix 2+2 was new, it carried a starting price of \$18,210. That's about \$2,000 more than a comparable Monte Carlo SS Aerocoupe. In today's dollars, that's about \$39,000 - more than the cost of a Mustang GT today. In fact, it was even more than a Mustang GT when it was new, as the pony car came in at \$14,523 for the most expensive convertible model. This car is being offered for sale by Auctions America, and they estimate that the Pontiac 2+2 will bring in between \$12,000 and \$16,000, but it is being sold without a reserve price, so the highest bidder will take it. It will be selling today, May 8, 2014. Check out the gallery below to see all of the photos posted by Auctions America, or click [HERE](#) to go to their original listing for the car.

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