



FOR

SALE

1959 Fiat Multipla 600

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History

The Fiat Multipla is the minivan version of the extremely popular Fiat 600 Italian sedan. The Multipla was made between 1956 and 1966 in Italy and was imported into the US for a few years. There are only a few minor differences between the Italian version and its American counterpart and that's the larger headlights (sealed beam) and the speedometer is in miles instead of kilometers. It was discontinued after it could not be redesigned to meet new laws prohibiting use of "suicide" doors on passenger vehicles. I bought this car in 2005 after a search lasting endless years with the intention of restoring it. Sadly, storage space, time, and other projects force this very regretful sale. I've done a substantial amount of work, expecting to keep this car in the family indefinitely, so it's done to high standards. This is our baby so it will be difficult to see it go, but it'd be great to see it be brought back to its well-deserved glory or just enjoyed as is! Dogs love it! Kids love it! You'll love it!!



Engine

The car has an original 633cc 4-stroke engine. 0-60 in 54sec., 22bhp at 4600rpm, 29lb-ft torque at 2800rpm. 1624lb gross weight, 40mpg, and a maximum speed of 62mph reported though it's more like in the low 40s and not a freeway driver for sure. The engine has recently been restored by Alfa-Italia in Burbank with no expense spared (receipts for \$4000 for this alone), and using only Fiat parts (not Seat or reproductions). The engine was torn down to every individual component and cylinders machined to ensure the smoothest surface and a tight fit. NOS muffler, NOS fuel pump, NOS piston set and rings, all gaskets on engine are new, new main bearings, new rod bearings, new front and rear seals, rebuilt oil pump, new rotor and distributor, rebuilt carburetor, rebuilt water pump, all new hoses all around, all new cables, including choke, throttle, and starter cables, new battery. The front radiator (for internal heater) is not connected nor tested (engine radiator is fully operational) but it's all complete. The engine is so new that it's not fully broken in yet!



Transmission

The transmission was completely rebuilt and it shifts like butter. The car has the original 4-speed transmission with a non-sync 1st (requires full stop to shift to first) and a brand new clutch.

Brakes

The brake system is completely new - NOS master brake cylinder, NOS wheel cylinders, new hoses, and all pads were relined. Brake lights are fully functional.

Electrical

Electrical system was completely gone over and fixed where needed. Headlights work perfect, blinkers are fine, parking lights fine, all dash indicator lights (blinkers, high beam) all work. The auxiliary gauges are working but not currently hooked up as are the rear interior lights. This is in preparation of bodywork. The horn works but needs some cleaning. A replacement horn, original to the Fiat, is included in the sale.

As rare as Multiplas are, this one is a one year (maybe two) option with the oval lights. This was due to a strike at the Fiat factory where the electrical system was outsourced to Lucas for 1957-58 only. The original lenses were amber Lucas L523. I just replaced the lenses with brand new Lucas L523 red lenses but I have a source of the amber ones if originality is sought.

Windshield wipers work perfect and have brand new wiper blades.

Body

The frame and cross-members are solid with only surface rust. The floors (front and passenger) will need replacement or work. The rear quarter panel has a 1" hole. The doors and roof have small dents, but no creases in metal and can be pushed out even by hand. There is a small dent in the front driver's side which does not interfere with door operation.

The doors close solid and only minor details need fixing (one handle is a bit loose).

Glass

Glass is good with only a minor chip in the windshield (have source for a new one and all rubber). The passenger side roll-up window has a small chip on the top (this is new and I have no idea how I did it). The roll-up windows could use some attention. The sale includes a rear glass as well as the rear side window glass and one set of sliding window glass.

Interior

Interior is the 4-5 seater and all door panels are there but show their age. The front seat is in good condition and rear seat requires recovering and appears original (Italian stamped foam). Seat covers are included. All the door/window hardware appears to be there including all the aluminum trim for the folding seats, latches, etc.

The rear compartment needs full recovering. No headliner (in preparation of bodywork). Needs rear view and side mirrors but will include current temporary ones with sale.

I have most parts of original rubber mat set. They are old and can be used for patterns as they are pretty weathered.

Trim & Rubber

As far as I can tell, the only thing missing on the trim is one latch for one side window. All aluminum for seats, door sills, bumpers, etc. is all there. The front bumper has a small dent. All chrome will need to be polished or rechromed but appears complete. Most rubber will need to be replaced.

DMV

All paperwork is in order with clear title and current registration. 100% street legal!

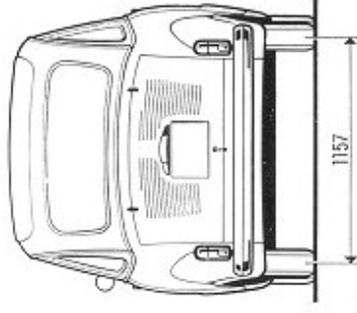
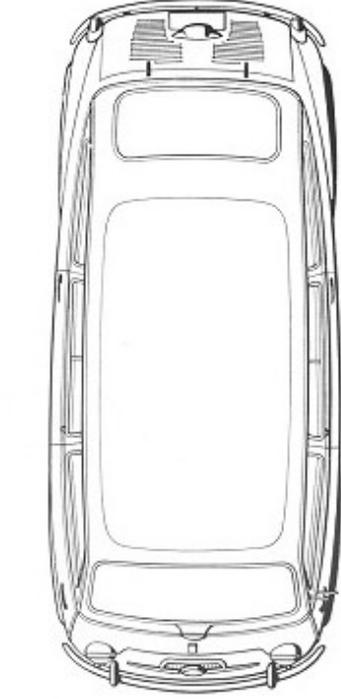
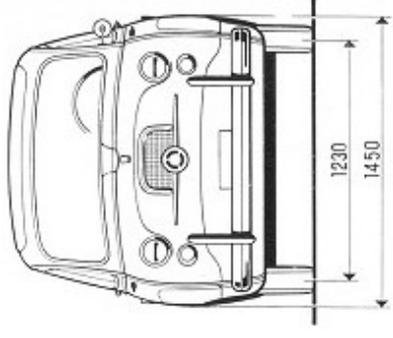
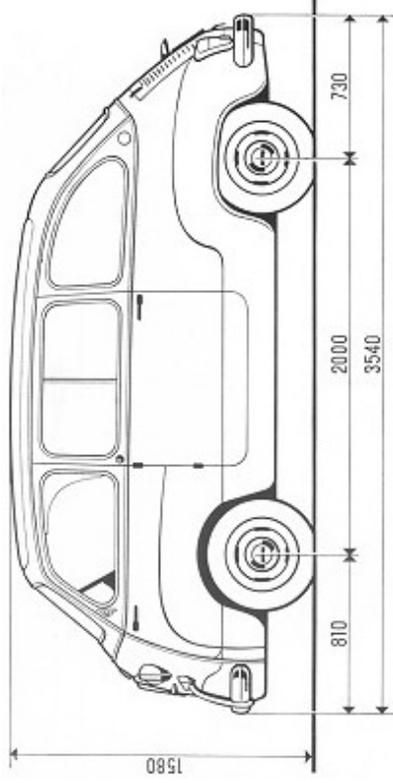
Tires & Wheels

Four brand new 13" tires (on 13" 850 wheels including hubcaps) and includes six stock 12" wheels.

Extras

There are tons of extra spare parts that are included in the sale. Radiators, full front and rear suspension components, wheel drums and brake parts, engine blocks, oil sump covers (including an aluminum one), cranks, a transmission, rubber bits, hoses, some carburetors and components, air cleaners, two steering wheels complete with steering column and blinker/light switches, speedo/gauge parts, horns, wipers, gaskets and belts, trim including door panels and headlight bezels, window mechanisms, bumpers, rear apron, and tons of other small incidentals.

Need more pictures? Check out VespaApe.Com or email me at ape@vespaape.com. Los Angeles.



Multipla main dimensions.

810 mm = 31.89"	730 mm = 28.74"	1230 mm = 48.42"
2000 mm = 78.74"	1580 mm = 62.21"	1450 mm = 57.09"
	1157 mm = 45.55"	