

VINTAGE FORMULA FORD

1982 Crossle 50F Formula Ford 1600. Designated as such, because the class required a stock Ford 1.6 litre Cortina GT Motor. This simple rule made the car affordable and very popular, a trend that continues in Vintage Racing to this day.

Crossle was one of the first builders to produce a successful race car, winning multiple championships all over the world. Several famous racing drivers started out in Formula Ford including Ayrton Senna and Canadian Gilles Villeneuve. I raced Formula Ford from 1972 to 1984 and I was never famous.

I raced many different makes over the years, and my last Formula Ford was a Crossle 55F just like this one. The 50F followed the trend to a more streamlined shape, lead by LOLA T-340, Swift, Viking and others.

The 50F located the radiator behind the driver, ahead of the engine and fed air to it with 4 Naca ducts; two on each side. The suspension used inboard mounted coilovers with pull rods. All in all, a pretty fancy looking machine.

I bought this car a couple of years ago as a project with the intent of preparing it for Vintage racing. To that end, the suspension was removed, powder coated, rod ends replaced as needed, reinstalled and aligned. The car has new coilovers, new Tilton master cylinders and new brake lines. The oil cooler is relocated with all new oil lines.

The car features a good running Williams race prepared engine bolted to a Hewland Four Speed transaxles. The body which was in poor condition has been properly repaired and wrapped in Black Cherry with a gold accent.

The car comes with the usual spares, body panels, wheels, gears and so on. The car also comes with the necessary tools such as engine stand, shop crane, jacks, jack stands and the like.

The price for the Crossle is \$16,500 Canadian.

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