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THE LAST 'FERRARI BY FERRARI.' THE STORY BEHIND THE F40.

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Few cars have rocked the automotive landscape the way the Ferrari F40 did in 1987. Company founder, Enzo Ferrari knew this would be his last creation so everyone from designers Pininfarina to engineers pulled out all stops to make this, the most iconic Ferrari ever. Thirty years later, Enzo's dying wish has only grown.

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So, before it was awesome the Ferrari F40 was a bit *stronzo*... Enzo knew it was to be his last car and wanted the legendary F40 to be a "true Ferrari" – here's how three men contributed to the realisation of Enzo's dying wish

When it was revealed in July of 1987 to an audience of journalists and important guests in Maranello, the Ferrari F40 stunned its crowd before the room erupted in thunderous applause, remembers Ermanno Bonfiglioli who was head of Special Projects back then and responsible for force-fed engines.

The turbocharged F40 looked like nothing else and hit the road with all the intentions of a full-blown race car, with a composite chassis, composite body work, unhinged design and performance that - together with the Porsche 959 - fittingly marked the eighties, the decade of excess.

### //sub// Enzo's Final Sign-Off

With a top speed of 324km/h and 0-200km/h in 12 seconds flat it was ballistic, and instantly became a Scuderia icon upon launch that summer 30 years ago.