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## Editor's Choice: Lamborghini Countach LP500S

### Lead

A Lamborghini Countach is instantly recognisable. Marcello Gandini's 1974 masterpiece was in production until 1990 and went through several versions, but the LP500S kept many of the original's - perhaps 'shocking' - design elements and married them to wider wheels and a 4.8-litre engine.

Yes, Ferrari had introduced the 365 GT4 Berlinetta Boxer a couple of years earlier but, when it came out, Lamborghini's take on 1970s mid-engined supercars was almost out of this world. Having a NACA duct, boxy *periscopio* intakes and origami-inspired bodywork, the LP400 pre-dated Star Wars stormtrooper design cues by three years.

With the LP400S, Lamborghini introduced wide, 'cotton reel' wheels with corresponding glassfibre wheel-arch extensions. The following LP500S version added a now 4.8-litre V12 producing over 370bhp. The famous, arrow-shaped wing was introduced as an option in the LP400S model and carried over to the end of the range for that full-on, macho look.



The example you see here, on sale at European Vintage Car Co. in Arizona, is a very original black with beige hide LP500S. Wingless, the angular coupé looks as fresh now as it did nearly 30 years ago. It benefits from a

“magnificent” re-paint but, amazingly, still has its original, well-patinated interior. It is to European specification.

For further information on this car, please [click here](#).

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