

# Porsche 356 B 2000 GS Carrera GTL Abarth

To remain competitive in Grand Touring (GT) racing, Porsche conceives lightweight versions of the 356 B in the early sixties. The Italian-Austrian sports car builder and Porsche representative Carlo Abarth has enjoyed a good relationship with Zuffenhausen since their collaboration with the Type 360 Cisitalia Grand Prix car in 1947. Abarth commissions Ugo Zagato in Milan to build 20 lightweight coupés. The handcrafted aluminium bodies featuring the characteristic air scoop on the rear are compact and streamlined. The 356 B Carrera GTL Abarth weighs almost 120 kilograms less than the standard 356 B. The “marriage” of the chassis and body takes place in Milan, with the GTL receiving its finishing touches at Abarth and Porsche. The list of successes of the 356 B Carrera GTL Abarth includes class victories at the Targa Florio – in 1960 with a 1.6-litre engine, 1961 with a 2-litre Carrera unit – plus outright victory at the Lyon-Charbonnières Rally of 1960 as well as class wins at Le Mans and the European Hill Climb Championship titles in 1960 and 1961.

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| Model Year:   | 1960           |
| Engine:       | 4-cyl. flat    |
| Displacement: | 1,588 cc       |
| Power Output: | 99 kW (135 hp) |
| Weight:       | 778 kg         |
| Top speed:    | 220 km/h       |