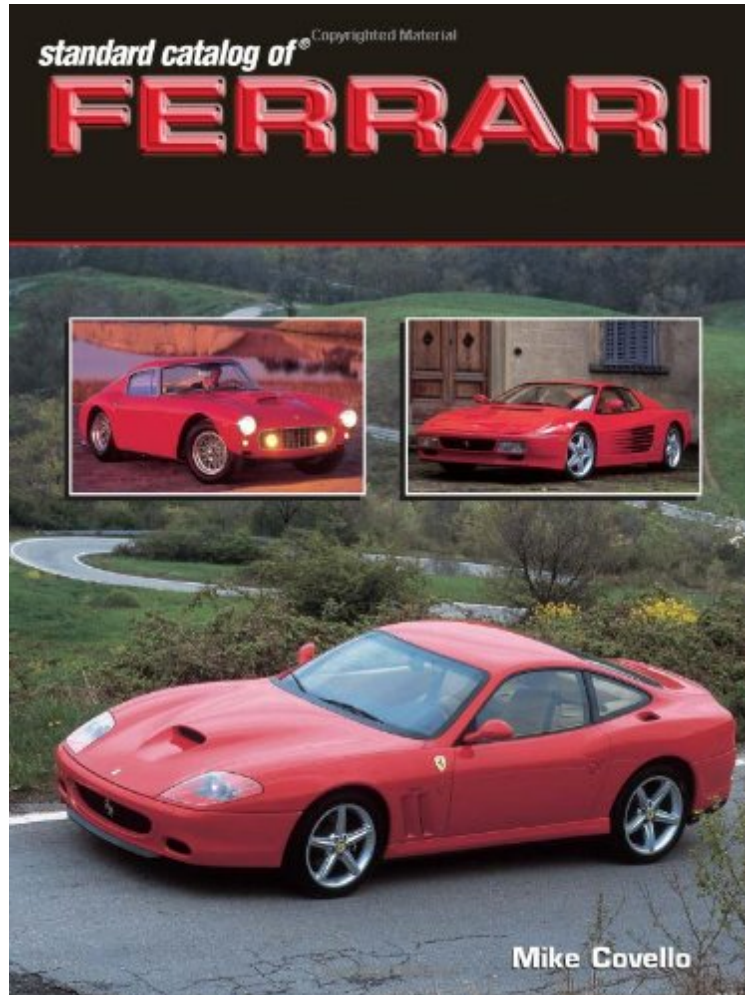


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date of manufacture that is both correctly (1992) and incorrectly listed (1995). There were 3 evolving versions of the 456 that were produced over the years, each improved version replacing the previous one. The original 456 (mentioned only as a footnote), the 456 GT (which appeared in 1996, not 1995), and the 456M GT, which began production in 1998 and is not directly mentioned in the book anywhere. The 456 debuted in 1992 and is not mentioned until the 1995-1996 section of the book and is then presented in this section as if it were a new model, incorrect. Technical data is also sloppy. For instance, the Ferrari 456 GT (the only model directly mentioned in the book) is listed as being outfitted with a 5 speed manual transmission (the manual transmission option offered on the 456, 456 GT, and 456M GT has always been 6 speed, this is true for ALL year models). The book also makes little distinction other than cosmetic improvements in the transition of the 456 GT to the more refined 456M GT (it does not even mention the 456M GT distinction anywhere). For the 456M GT, the engine was retuned to increase brake horsepower (bhp) from 436 to 442 (an improvement which stayed with the car until it was discontinued in 2003 and is not reflected anywhere in the technical stats of the book). I am only listing verifiable inconsistencies for ONE car mentioned in this book. Based solely on these facts alone this book is reduced to a well thought out picture history of the Ferrari line. It should not be utilized as a technical reference tool (as the author clearly intends it to be) for any specific model as nearly all of them are also riddled with similar errors.

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