



**Ian Brown**  
Chelsea, London 

Model:	2013 Ferrari 458 Spider
Mileage:	13,500 (7,500 at purchase)
Purchased:	October 2018
Presented in:	Giallo Modena, crema
Bought from:	H.R. Owen, Old Brompton Road London, SW7 3RP, GB



**It took tragic news of a friend's death to make Ian Brown move into Ferrari ownership.**

At the time Ian was driving a 2016 Aston Martin DB9 GT and one weekend with friends staying, and while the ladies ventured out shopping, Ian and his male companion decided to go for a drive in his DB9.

Driving in Knightsbridge in London they decided to stop by at H.R. Owen in Brompton Road to take a look at the cars on display. While perusing, one car in particular caught Ian's attention - a 2013 Ferrari 458 Spider finished in Giallo Modena with crema interior, red piping, carpets and seatbelts.

"I was immediately taken by the 458, says Ian. "The presence the car had was striking in its beautiful colour scheme".

"I wasn't in the market (or so I thought), but later that day I mentioned the car in passing to my wife. I didn't think too much more about it but the next day, after our friends had departed, my wife and I were out in my car when she received a call to say that one of her friends had died, aged just 36. It was incredibly sad, but all she said was, "Ian, life's too short, why don't you go in and see what deal they will do for you".

So off to H.R. Owen and a deal was done. "I have to say that the buying experience at H.R. Owen was outstanding. Their service and attention to detail were exceptional, and that's probably half the reason I bought it".



It's just over three years now since Ian bought his 458 and in that time he's covered an average of 2,000 miles per year. For the first 7 years, the maintenance was paid for by Ferrari and thankfully nothing major has gone wrong.

So why did Ian buy this particular car?

"I bought the car because it caught my imagination, and I have always loved Ferraris. The Aston was a compromise from a previous relationship with someone who 'wouldn't be seen dead in a Ferrari'. My wife lived in Italy for many years and she certainly doesn't feel the same way. And now I have a stunning car. The number plate was an inspiration as well, YE13 LOW. Obviously made for the car".

So how often does Ian drive the 458? "As often as possible, within limits, which isn't that easy with living in the centre of London. The car tends to be laid up over winter, although I have driven it in January when the sun was out, enjoying the fresh winter weather at 3 degrees centigrade, with the roof down".

Ian is a member of the Ferrari Owners Club, London area group, and he is looking forward to attending more club meets now that lockdown restrictions have been lifted. However while the 458 is protected from the elements of the British winter, Ian's daily drivers are his Abarth 595C Competizione MTA and a Range Rover Sport. You can meet him and see his 458 at some of the Ferrari club's activities in the London area.

