



**1974 Pantera L  
Serial #7171**

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I became interested in Panteras in 1987 when I spied one in a parking lot. At that time I was in the market for a Porsche, but felt like the Pantera was a much more interesting car. I did some reading and research and joined the Dallas Pantera Club. With their good help and assistance I gradually became educated about Panteras. With the aid and assistance of Larry Bartosh and Pat Pritchett in the Dallas Club, I finally located this car. The car had 2,941 miles on it and was reported to have been in storage by its first owner. When purchased by the second owner, it was driven little and primarily stored in his garage with his seven other cars. It was flawless. Initially, I did not want to buy this Pantera because it was too perfect. After some thought and debate, I decided life is too short not to drive Panteras as often as one has the opportunity and I might as well buy the best car I could and enjoy it.

After I purchased the car and read many old issues of Pantera International, I came across an ad in the classified section of a 1977 issue which advertised a Pantera, serial No. 7171 for sale. It was advertised by Mr. Regna

and was still advertised as late as 1980. I called Mr. Regna and spoke with him. He said he had owned a Pantera and liked it so much he bought two more. He placed the silver one in service as a daily driver and put the yellow one on blocks in storage in a heated room in his factory where his mechanic saw to it on a monthly basis for the engine, drive train, etc. He subsequently fell out of love with Panteras and in love with Ferrari's and decided to sell the car. It was finally sold in 1983 to Les Simmons in Irving, Texas who drove the car very little and kept it in a garage. I purchased the car myself on October 26, 1988 with 2,941 miles.

The car remains stock. I have driven this car on the local race track and have driven it to the Fun Ralley in Vegas twice. The car now has 14,000 miles on it.

As for myself, I am a neurosurgeon, sports car enthusiast and scuba diver. I am active with the Pantera Club of Dallas, with a small group of Panteraphiles in Oklahoma City and with the Mid-America Shelby Club. I also write frequently to the Window Monitor with numerous technical questions.

