

*Enzo Ferrari and  
Ferruccio Lamborghini*



Lamborghini S.p.A. originally produced **tractors** from **surplus military hardware**. Having always been interested in car engines, during World War II its owner, Ferruccio Lamborghini, served with the **Air Force mechanics corps** and gained a reputation as a wizard at mechanical improvisation and fixing engines. After the war, his first business idea was to convert surplus military machines into tractors, with a production of one tractor a month. This business soon proved successful, thus allowing Lamborghini in **1960** to expand his business.

As a car connoisseur as well as a wealthy entrepreneur, Lamborghini owned a number of sports cars, including the **Ferrari 250**. Since Lamborghini became frustrated with problems he had with the clutch in his Ferrari, he paid a visit to **Enzo Ferrari** to bring the problem to his attention.

The world may have never seen the famous Lamborghini super cars that were to follow if Enzo Ferrari hadn't answered Ferruccio's complaints by flippantly pointing out that **the problem was not with the car, but with the driver**. This flippant remark cut Lamborghini to the quick and sparked his need for challenge. With millions of liras from his successful tractor business sitting around, **Lamborghini decided to build his own car with a V12 engine** and founded an auto factory in the small town of **Sant'Agata (BO)**.

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