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Subject: Lancia Gamma: Drives as good as it looks ?

When I showed the first pictures of our Gamma rebuild project, I got some reply from a consortium member that went along the lines of:
 " if it runs as well as it looks.... " This got me seriously worried....
 As you can see here, the engine is by now in the car:



The engine itself seems to be running fine.... it got a new exhaust so it sounds alright, but I never tried to rev it up. You can see in the overall maze of hoses the relocated power steering pump. While reasonably straight forward, the devil was in the detail, a lot of things had to be modified, even the alternator pulley. The radiator had to be moved forward right against the body, both pulley and shaft of the power steering pump had to be flattened to get them away from the fan blades. One club member rightly remarked, that it might be easier just to be careful.... While we only found the aircon condenser to late, we ended up using a Delta condenser which was very similar in construction. To be on the safe side, I did remove the evaporator, which required the removal of the centre console, and was something I regretted. On the other hand, the heater box looked so rotten.... it had to be cleaned.... The car suffers from very low oil pressure reading (only 3-4 bars) however there is a fair chance that the sender unit or even the meter is faulty. Sadly the car it went into was a terrible letdown. it was build up from 2 different Gammas using non lancia seats from some unnamed vehicle. It had a very severe structural front right damage which was only cosmetically repaired. Even the battery tray was

so bend, that you could not fasten the battery.
but after a wash, it nevertheless looked aright:



What I noticed, is that this car was very rough and we had a lot of road noise, which is very unusual for the gamma.

the only thing I can think about is that we used Polyurethane control arm and anti roll bar bushes, but can that really make that much difference ?

The owner has taken premature delivery of the car, and ventured on a 1200,- km trip to Johannesburg through one of the most uninhabited parts of this country without any tools or other backup. As we have not heard from him since there ain't that many options.....

I will make all the pictures of the restoration history available at some point. I will always have a soft spot for the gamma as it is to totally over the top. and therefore a true and genuine lancia

Best
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