Enzo Ferrari was not initially interested in the idea of producing road cars when he formed [Scuderia Ferrari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scuderia_Ferrari) in 1929, with headquarters in [Modena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modena). Scuderia Ferrari (pronounced [[skudeˈriːa]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help:IPA/Italian)) literally means "Ferrari Stable" and is usually used to mean "Team Ferrari." Ferrari bought,[[*citation needed*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)] prepared, and fielded [Alfa Romeo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfa_Romeo_in_motorsport) racing cars for [gentleman drivers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gentleman_driver), functioning as the racing division of Alfa Romeo. In 1933, Alfa Romeo withdrew its in-house racing team and Scuderia Ferrari took over as its [works team](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Works_team):[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferrari#cite_note-history-1) the *Scuderia* received Alfa's Grand Prix cars of the latest specifications and fielded many famous drivers such as [Tazio Nuvolari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tazio_Nuvolari) and [Achille Varzi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Achille_Varzi). In 1938, Alfa Romeo brought its racing operation again in-house, forming [*Alfa Corse*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alfa_Corse) in [Milan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milan) and hired Enzo Ferrari as manager of the new racing department; therefore the Scuderia Ferrari was disbanded.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferrari#cite_note-history-1)

In September 1939, Ferrari left Alfa Romeo under the provision he would not use the Ferrari name in association with races or racing cars for at least four years.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferrari#cite_note-history-1) A few days later he founded [*Auto Avio Costruzioni*](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Auto_Avio_Costruzioni&action=edit&redlink=1), headquartered in the facilities of the old *Scuderia Ferrari*.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferrari#cite_note-history-1) The new company ostensibly produced machine tools and aircraft accessories. In 1940, Ferrari produced a race car – the [Tipo 815](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferrari_Tipo_815), based on a Fiat platform. It was the first Ferrari car and debuted at the 1940 [Mille Miglia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mille_Miglia), but due to [World War II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_II) it saw little competition. In 1943, the Ferrari factory moved to [Maranello](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maranello), where it has remained ever since. The factory was bombed by the [Allies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allies_of_World_War_II) and subsequently rebuilt including works for road car production.