

# Journey



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#### After a long wait I finally got hold of a 500

# THE BEGINNING





It looked like a quick restoration, at first!

But, various owners, bodged jobs and the rust worm took its toll.



That sinking feeling came over me when the car came back from media blasting.



Various body panels had to be replaced and repaired.





## **PREPARATION AND PAINT**



After my 500 came back from rust repair, the long process of prepping the body began.



Almost ready for paint. It was repainted twice in the past in two shades of red.



Underneath all the red it was discovered that the car was originally AVORIO.



Here assembly started and the Fiat looked more like a car.



### ASSEMBLY





After a while...



Although it came a long road already, a lot still has to be done including the wiring harness, upholstery and various other small trim and mechanical parts.