



Imperial War Museum Duxford (185)

Wed, 16th Oct 2019

Lot 53

Estimate: £18000 - £22000 + Fees

1965 MG B Roadster

Registration No: GBW185C

Chassis No: GHN370021

Mot Expiry: Aug 2020

- The subject of a 'no-expense spared' restoration on a Heritage shell

- New leather interior

- Sparingly used and kept in 'superb' condition by the late owner

For many, the early chrome-bumper MG B roadster is the epitome of the classic British sports car. Introduced in July 1962 when it replaced the MGA, the car was a technical leap forward from its predecessor with a unitary body, coil spring/wishbone front and semi-elliptical rear suspension, front disc brakes as standard and a front-mounted 1,798cc 4-cylinder OHV engine producing 95bhp in standard form.

In the first years of production, a few bumps were ironed out. In 1964 a five-bearing crank and oil cooler were fitted as standard (the later previously an option for the home market) and in March 1965 the fuel tank was enlarged to 12 gallons. This wonderfully-presented 1965 right-hand drive MG B benefits from all of these, plus it includes the desirable overdrive gearbox option, a set of chrome wire-spoke wheels and a 'Motolita' steering wheel.

Described by the vendor as being in 'excellent' condition throughout, the car was subjected to what the vendor described as a 'no expense spared' restoration by the previous late owner who used it sparingly. Based on a new Heritage bodyshell, the car has a wonderful colour combination of gleaming red paintwork, a new black leather interior with contrasting red piping and a black mohair roof. Under the bonnet sits a detailed Paul Inch engine, complete with twin K&N pancake filters, polished valve cover and braided hoses. There's a useful boot-mounted luggage rack and a wire-wheel spare. The current mileage of 21,690 on the odometer can be tracked back with regular MOTs since 2006.

The car comes with a history file including the V5 and an MOT certificate with no advisories valid until 1st August 2020. It offers a great opportunity to buy an early, well- optioned MG B with a superb colour combination in 'excellent' condition throughout.