



Imperial War Museum Duxford (166)

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Lot 1

1955 Morris Minor SII 'Split Screen' Convertible Conversion

Registration No: EU-Reg

Chassis No: FBF11/358950

Mot Expiry: Exempt

- Dry stored as part of a private collection in recent years. Running and driving but in need of recommissioning / fettling

- Believed but not warranted to have been converted by the Morris Minor Centre of Greatford, Lincs whose sticker adorns its rear window

- Patinated Red upholstery, later 948cc OHV engine, previously UK reg'd as 'YSK 579'

Designed by Alec Issigonis, the Morris Minor remained in production from 1948 to 1971 endearing itself to generations of motorists along the way. According to its chassis number this particular example began life as a two-door Series II Saloon. Part of a County Wexford based collection for many years, it had been reconfigured as a Convertible prior to acquisition. It is not known who carried out the work, however, the presence of a 'Morris Minor Centre of Greatford, Lincs' sticker in its plastic back window suggests that they may well have been responsible. As well as exchanging its 'tin top' for a 'soft top' the four-seater has been upgraded with a later and more powerful A-series OHV four-cylinder engine. Flashing indicators have been added for safety and the dashboard updated too. The red interior trim is tired as is the vinyl roof which will need repairing or replacing. Starting readily upon inspection, the Morris felt OK with regard to its clutch and brakes but will need recommissioning prior to road use. A highly affordable and appealing four-seater Convertible. Not one for the purists but potentially great fun nonetheless.