



The Pavilion Gardens (101)

Wed, 10th Jun 2009, The Pavilion Gardens

Lot 14

Estimate: £3000 - £4000 + Fees

1971 Simca 1000 LS

Registration No: MFM566J

Chassis No: 5156099

Mot Expiry: None

Simca's 1000 was launched in 1961, pre-dating the Imp which resembles it, powered by a brand-new pushrod OHV four-cylinder 944cc engine mounted at the back and driving the rear wheels, a popular drivetrain arrangement at the time which maximised space for passengers in this small car. Like the Renault Dauphine whose layout it shared, it had all-independent suspension but unlike its English rivals the Imp and Mini, it had four doors. In 1968 the 1000 benefited from improved rear suspension, lessening the effect of the rearward weight bias on handling. A popular car and a very common sight on French roads for two decades, the range included the sporty Special and Rallye with 1118cc and 1294cc power, plus the Sim'4 777cc base model, and almost 2 million were sold before production ended in 1978.

According to the vendor, this particular 1000LS example is "a 'timewarp' car hardly used in the past 36 years, very tidily presented with clean interior and no leaks from engine". While, he goes on to say: "The Simca is a totally original vehicle with mountains of history. The mileage of 19,720 is genuine and it has been garaged and unused by its second keeper for some years". Largely dormant since 1973 (the last MOT dates from 1976) it is understood to have "never been welded or painted". Though, we are informed that there are "a couple of light parking dents" and "one or two blemishes in the paint". The interior is reportedly "like new, hard to fault", and the 1000LS is said to "run and drive well". This is one of the rare, original, low-mileage vehicles that H&H is occasionally privileged to offer. Find another!