



The H&H Classic Motor Car Auction (190)

Wed, 29th Apr 2020

Lot 46

Estimate: £25000 - £30000 + Fees

1964 Austin-Healey 3000 MKIII

Registration No: FNB160C

Chassis No: HBJ8L28285

Motor Car Location: Oxon

- Despatched on 6th October 1964 to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Desirable BJ8 Phase Two model complete with four-speed manual plus overdrive transmission and wire wheels
- Repatriated in 2018 and UK road registered as 'FNB 160C' during January last year
- A running and driving car from previous long-term ownership in the USA which has the makings of a great rolling restoration project
- Said to possess 'excellent panel fit, sound floors and sun-bleached paintwork' and to have been used and enjoyed last summer
- Free Delivery within a 200 mile radius of the motor car's location and further afield by negotiation (UK mainland only)

PLEASE NOTE: This lot passed a MOT test on 27th April 2020 with no advisories. The associated MOT certificate remains valid until April 26th 2021

H&H are indebted to the vendor for the following description:

'A running, driving Healey from long-term ownership in the USA. Now UK registered and in regular use last Summer. No signs of any previous accident damage and with all panels in good shape. The paintwork is showing signs of sun bleaching and would benefit from a respray, while the 'Dog Leg' sections immediately behind the doors which are showing early signs of deterioration could similarly do with attention. The panel fit is excellent, the floors are sound and this Healey has all the hallmarks of a car from long-term ownership which has been carefully used. The hood has been replaced in recent times and fits snugly.

Eminently usable as is, this Mk 3 Ph 2 Healey (BJ8) represents a very good opportunity to add value to a basically sound and useable car over time as funds allow. All parts are readily available to convert to RHD if required and this is a very straightforward job for a competent mechanic as these cars were designed to be sold in either format and indeed some 90% were sold as LHD. Many of these, like this example, now returning from warmer climes are generally sounder and often less abused than their UK cousins.

Originally supplied in Red / Black and fitted with Overdrive and Wire Wheels, this lovely, honest 'matching numbers' example is waiting for a new owner to lavish some TLC and bring her back to her former glory. Supplied with a brand new Red carpet set'.

PLEASE NOTE: We asked the seller to take some photos of the underside which we have now added to the web listing. He also provided the additional information below:

'Further to your recent enquiry for this vehicle I have made a

full ramp inspection and can report as follows:

The Chassis is straight and true with no evidence of any previous accident damage or even jacking dents! It is free from underseal and apart from a light surface rust the original Red Paint is clearly visible. The Outriggers, Sills and Floors appear to be sound and rot free, as are all the main panels. There is deterioration to the small 'Dog Leg' panels behind the doors, but repair panels are readily available and this is a straightforward minor repair.

Panel Fit is excellent and this Healey bears all the hallmarks of a carefully used and unabused example which would benefit from a little TLC over time and which can be pressed into service immediately. A replacement black carpet set has been fitted at some stage but a Brand New Red Carpet Set is included in the sale.

There is evidence of a brake overhaul to include Replacement Rear Wheel Cylinders, Front Calipers and Brake Hoses. A replacement Alloy Fuel Tank has also been fitted as have a reconditioned radiator and new alternator. It is hoped that an MOT will be passed prior to the auction. This is only dependent upon an appointment being available. A full Pre MOT check has been carried out and no obvious faults were found'.

Following a further Road Test on 24/04/20, the vendor has offered the following additional information:

'The Engine starts and runs smoothly and the Gearbox is quiet in 1st and Reverse Gears. All Synchronizers operate correctly and changes up and down are smooth and easy. The Overdrive comes in and out promptly and smoothly.

An MOT test has been booked for Monday (27th) and the website will be updated accordingly.

A Heritage Certificate is included in the History File and confirms Red/Black as the Original Colours and that the Chassis and Engine Numbers match.

The son of the long time US owner has been in touch with the vendor to enquire about the car. He remembers being taken to school in the Healey as a young child! The US Title Document is dated 1987 but it seems likely that his Father may have owned her prior to that date'.