



Imperial War Museum Duxford (182)

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Lot 9

Estimate: £17500 - £19500 + Fees

1953 MG TD

Registration No: 3452 F

Chassis No: TD28162

Mot Expiry: June 2020

- 1 of just 1,656 'home market' MG TDs made and pleasingly retains its original and transferable registration number

- A highly presentable older restoration that was treated to an engine overhaul in 2012

- Tan hood and weather gear plus a full split tonneau

Although, instantly recognisable as a T-series model thanks to its perpendicular radiator shell, flowing wings and rear-mounted spare wheel, the TD broke important new ground for the Abingdon marque. The first MG sports car to feature either independent double-wishbone front suspension or rack and pinion steering, the newcomer also boasted a hypoid-bevel back axle, hidden scuttle reinforcement hoop (save for the first few cars) and twin leading-shoe front brakes. Powered by the proven 1250cc XPAG engine allied to four-speed manual transmission, it was reputedly capable of 82mph and 26mpg. Riding on fifteen-inch steel wheels as standard, the TD also sported a mirror-image dashboard (thus facilitating either LHD or RHD production) and chrome-plated bumpers. A great success story, the vast majority of the 29,665 cars produced were sold overseas.

Finished in the handsome combination of Green with Green leather and Tan weather equipment (hood, sidescreens, full split tonneau), this particular example is rated by the vendor as being in 'very good overall' condition with regard to its engine, gearbox, bodywork, paintwork, interior trim and electrical equipment. Dating from the last year of production, the MG is a rare 'home market' car (1 of just 1,656 made) that pleasingly retains its original and transferable registration number. The subject of an older restoration, the TD was treated to an engine overhaul in 2012 and is said to have 'regularly covered a few hundred miles a year since the 1980s'. Simply charming, '3452 F' is accompanied by a green logbook, factory workshop manual, MOT certificate valid until June 2020, previous ownership records, various old MOTs dating back to 1988 and two boxes of useful spares.