



## The Pavilion Gardens Buxton (196)

Wed, 7th Jul 2021

**Estimate:** £11000 - £13000 + Fees

**1957 MG Magnette ZB Highly credible 51,000 recorded miles**

**Registration No:** MJG 365

**Chassis No:** KAT13/20089

**MOT:** June 2022

- 1 of just 1,000 or so MG ZA and ZB Magnettes known to have survived
- Off the road for years before being re-registered with the DVLA in 1978 and believed to have covered just 51,000 miles from new
- Authentic Island Green livery and timewarp interior with delightfully patinated Green leather upholstery
- Original (and notably sweet-running) engine and part of a BMC Collection in recent years

Launched at the October 1953 London Motor Show, the Magnette ZA sports saloon was styled by Gerald Palmer. Equipped with independent front suspension, rack-and-pinion steering and hydraulic drum brakes, the newcomer was powered by a 1.5-litre B-Series engine allied to four-speed manual transmission. Arriving in October 1956, the updated ZB version had been tuned to develop 68bhp @ 5,500rpm. The fastest 'home market' 1.5 litre saloon available, the more powerful Magnette accounted for 18,524 sales and won its class in the 1958 BRSCC Saloon Car Championship.

Believed but not warranted to have covered just 51,000 miles from new on account of its delightfully well-preserved interior and notably smooth-running original engine, 'MJG 365' is said to be 'a superb car that drives exceptionally well'. The vendor further considers it to be 'a very straight original car which shows no signs of past welding or corrosion'. Resprayed in its initial Island Green livery at some stage, the MG carries stickers for maintenance at 41,862 and 43,391 miles to the inner face of its offside A-post. Worthy of close inspection and coming to market with a fresh MOT certificate, this wonderful Magnette is rated by the seller as being in 'very good' (bodywork, paintwork, interior trim) or 'excellent' (engine, gearbox, electrical equipment) condition.