



The Pavilion Gardens Buxton (202)

Wed, 8th Dec 2021

Estimate: £7000 - £9000 + Fees

1966 MG B GT

Registration No: JJB 855D

Chassis No: GHD382587

MOT: Exempt

- RHD 'home market' model, with manual transmission
- Notably early Mk1 example
- Recently restored example with much expenditure
- Offered with a collection of invoices

Introduced in May 1962, the monocoque MG B was a welcome progression from the body-on-frame T-Series and MG A models that preceded it. The more modern construction resulted in weight savings (the car turned the scales at 2028lb), reduced manufacturing costs, and notably tauter handling. Initially, the B was only available in Roadster form - the Pininfarina-penned hatchback GT derivative with 2+2 seating not being offered until October 1965. At launch, the model was powered by a three-bearing version of the 1798cc B-Series engine that produced 95bhp at 5,400rpm. However, this unit was replaced by a five-bearing unit two years into production. The MKII model of 1967 brought an updated manual gearbox with revised ratios and synchromesh on all gears, as well as the option of a Borg-Warner automatic unit. Other changes included a revised rear axle and a switch from dynamos to alternators. In 1969, Rostyle wheels replaced the previous pressed steel version for a standard fit. With the MKIII derivative of 1972 came a new fascia and improved heater. However, the biggest visual change in the car's history occurred two years later when steel-reinforced plastic bumpers replaced the chrome ones and the ride height was raised by one inch. By the time GT production ceased in 1980, a total of 125,282 are said to have been produced, a large proportion of which are still providing good service today.

Manufactured in 1966, the second production year for the MGB GT, this B was supplied new to the home-market in right-hand-drive, being first registered in June that year. Fitted with the aforementioned 1798cc straight-four B-Series engine mated to the five-speed manual transmission, 'JJB 855D' is presented in the classic colour of British Racing Green with Black with Red piping interior upholstery and a Black Webasto roof. With a recorded mileage of 17,074 miles, which is understood to be 117,074 miles from new. Restored in 2020, the MG is offered with a large collection of invoices and a current V5C document.

Vendor Condition Ratings:

Bodywork: 'Very Good'

Engine: 'Good'

Electrical Equipment: 'Good'

Paintwork: 'Very Good'

Gearbox: 'Good'

Interior Trim: 'Excellent'