



## Imperial War Museum, Duxford (206)

Wed, 22nd Jun 2022

### Lot 21

**Estimate:** £25000 - £30000 + Fees

**1948 MG TC**

**Registration No:** USJ 920

**Chassis No:** TC7209

**MOT:** Exempt

- Part of a private MG collection since 2001
- The subject of an extensive past restoration
- Finished in the attractive period colour of Clipper Blue
- Matching chassis and engine numbers

Introduced in late 1945, the MG TC boasted a wider cockpit than its TB predecessor but shared a similar ladder-frame chassis equipped with all-round leaf-sprung suspension and hydraulic drum brakes. With its dual-cowl dashboard, fold-flat windscreen, cutaway-doors, swept wings and rear-mounted spare wheel, the TC looked every inch the traditional sports car. Powered by Abingdon's renowned XPAG 1250cc OHV four-cylinder engine, it was reputedly capable of 78mph. The last MG product to ride on nineteen-inch wire wheels, the TC attracted a strong following in the USA (especially among demobbed servicemen).

According to the T-Register's Factory Production Record database, chassis TC7209 was built on 24th November 1948 and fitted with the engine number XPAG 8081 (the same unit it pleasingly appears to retain today). Thought to have spent the first fifty years or so of its life in North America, the MG was subject to a body off, chassis up restoration by its previous keeper and UK road registered as 'USJ 920' on April 1st 1999. Drawn to the two-seater's striking and period correct colour of Clipper Blue, the vendor journeyed to Inverness to acquire it some two years later. Joining another TC – the one the seller had bought as his first car during 1967 – as part of a small marque collection, 'USJ 920' benefited from his decades of experience with the model. A handwritten log attests to regular maintenance and various improvements over the past twenty-one years including a replated radiator grille and updated oil seal for the refurbished Bishop Cam steering box. Treated to new engine mounts by marque specialist Cuerden Classics last July, the two-seater started readily and ran well during our recent photography session. Still highly presentable, the MG sports a Blumels Brooklands steering wheel, St Christopher medal and full weather equipment. Offered for sale with V5C Registration Document and history file.