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1957 Messerschmitt KR200 Cabriolet Recently completed comprehensive restoration

Registration No: 792 UYK

Chassis No: 61178

MOT: Exempt

Estimate: £25,000 - £30,000

Motor Car Location: Kent

- Subject to a comprehensive restoration which has only recently been completed
- Highly collectible UK-supplied Cabriolet example
- Accompanied by a large digital photo album of the restoration
- A rare opportunity for bubble car aficionados everywhere and an instant hit in any collection!

The Messerschmitt KR200, or Kabinenroller (Cabin Scooter) is a three-wheeled bubble car designed by the aircraft engineer Fritz Fend and produced in the factory of the German aircraft manufacturer Messerschmitt. Temporarily not allowed to manufacture aircraft, the firm had turned its resources to making other products. In 1952, Fend approached Messerschmitt with the idea of manufacturing small motor vehicles. These were based on his Fend Flitzer invalid carriage. The first of Fend's vehicles to enter production at Messerschmitt's Regensburg factory was the KR175. The KR200 replaced the KR175 in 1955. The KR200 was an almost total redesign - the rear suspension and engine mounting were reworked, and hydraulic shock absorbers were installed at all three wheels. The KR200 shows its aeronautical heritage with its hinged cockpit opening roof. There was a 4-speed gearbox but no reverse gear, however, the factory designed a counter-rotating ignition system so by turning the engine off and pushing the key in whilst starting, this fires the engine in reverse so you effectively have 4 gears going backwards!

Manufactured in 1957, this KR 200 Cabriolet was supplied new to the United Kingdom, being first registered on the 8th of March that year. Fitted with the 191cc two-stroke engine allied to a four-speed dual-directional transmission, the Messerschmitt is finished in Red with Black interior upholstery. A rare UK-supplied Cabriolet example, the Messerschmitt was formerly owned by the chairman of the owners club before passing to another private owner. Entering into current ownership in early 2021 as a restoration project, '792 UYK' was subject to a comprehensive restoration with a full bodywork refurbishment and repaint; new interior; new hood; engine overhaul with replaced coil and electronic ignition fitted (the old points and plate are accompanying spares); steering refurbishment; new rear suspension rubber trunnions; rewire with a new loom, amongst much other work.

With a recorded mileage of 20,893 miles (at time of consignment), the Messerschmitt is offered with a current V5C, a reprint of a Messerschmitt owner's manual, a large digital photo album of the restoration (which can be shared with any interested parties), original Sachs engine spanner and two ignition keys. A rare opportunity for bubble car aficionados everywhere, especially as a UK-supplied

Cabriolet, it would be a worthy addition to any collection!

Vendor Condition Ratings:

Bodywork: 'Very Good to Excellent'

Engine: 'Very Good to Excellent'

Electrical Equipment: 'Very Good to Excellent'

Paintwork: 'Very Good to Excellent'

Gearbox: 'Very Good to Excellent'

Interior Trim: 'Very Good to Excellent'