

# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1964 Austin-Healey 3000

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| Lot sold  | <b>USD 0</b><br>GBP 0 (listed) | Lenkung      | Links   |
| Baujahr   | 1964                           | Zustand      | Gebraucht   |
| Losnummer | 305                            | Standort     |  |
|           |                                | Außenfarbe   | Sonstige  |
|           |                                | Automobiltyp | Sonstige  |

### Beschreibung

The Austin-Healey 3000 is a British sports car built from 1959 to 1967, and is the best known of the "big" Healey models. The car's bodywork was made by Jensen Motors, and the vehicles were assembled at the BMC Abingdon works. The 3000 was a successful car which won its class in many European rallies in its heyday, and is still used in competition by enthusiasts today. Its long competition history saw the 3000 race at most major racing circuits around the world, including Sebring, Le Mans, and Mount Panorama Circuit, Bathurst. The BMC competitions department successfully rallied the 3000 from its introduction, but the development of the works cars effectively ended in 1965, mainly because of the success of the Mini Cooper 'S'.

The 3000 Mark III was launched in October 1963, and remained in production until the end of 1967 when production of Austin-Healey's ceased. Classified as the BJ8, the new model was the most powerful and luxurious of the big Healeys, with a walnut-veneer dash, wind-up windows, and a 150hp engine. Improvements to the engine included a new camshaft and valve springs, and twin SU 2" HD8 carburetors, together with a new design of exhaust system. Servo-assisted brakes were now fitted as standard. Only 2+2 seat versions were made.

This delightful left-hand drive Austin Healey 3000 BJ8 was delivered new to Texas in Ivory White on 1st May 1964 and remained there until 2008 when it was repatriated to the UK. Factory specification included overdrive, wooden dashboard and adjustable steering column. Having resided in the dry

climate of Texas the body has been preserved in very original condition. Subsequently, the shut lines and panel fit are excellent. The engine is matching numbers and was recently dyno tested at 140 bhp. The car was restored by marque specialist Rawles Motorsport in 2008 and is still in excellent condition.

Finished in its original colour of Ivory White with black interior, there are a large number of bills and receipts substantiating work carried out and general maintenance. In addition, a service has recently been carried out at SanSpeed and the car is ready to be used and enjoyed with a fresh MoT certificate included.

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