

CLASSIC DRIVER



1978 TVR 3000 M

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Lenkung	Rechts
Baujahr	1978	Zustand	Gebraucht
Getriebe	Schaltgetriebe	Standort	
Chassisnummer	4176FM	Außenfarbe	Weiss
Losnummer	311	Automobiltyp	Sonstige
		Motornummer	D7921-6
		Markenfarbe außen	White
		Markenfarbe innen	Tan

Beschreibung

The TVR 'M' series were produced between 1972 and 1979 replacing the outgoing Vixen and Tuscan models and all are characterized by a common chassis and shared body style. As with all TVR models, before and since, the M Series use a front mid-engine, rear-wheel drive and GRP body-on-frame construction. This particular part of the TVR story, encompassing the 'M' Series' time in the limelight, is commonly associated with Martin Lilley who, together with his father, took over ownership of the company in late 1965. The M Series cars were regarded by contemporary reviewers as true TVRs with great performance and handling and all the charming idiosyncrasies of a traditional 'Trevor'. They retained styling cues going right back to the early Grantura but with every development they became more 'civilised'. The range comprised the 1600M, 2500M, 3000M, 3000S, the Taimar and some later Turbo cars.

As a higher-performance alternative to the 1600M and 2500M, TVR debuted the 3000M at the October 1972, Earl's Court Motor Show. It used the 3.0 litre Ford Essex V6 mated to a 4-speed manual box with an optional Laycock overdrive. Just 654 naturally aspirated 3000Ms were built and

weighing in at 950 kilos, they were quick little cars.

Offered here is a one owner from new TVR 3000M finished in the striking combination of Fjord White with Onyx Brown decals and tan trim. It was supplied new to its excited owner on 1-6-1978 by The Chequered Flag in Chiswick and still sports the original number plates. Interestingly, the original invoice shows a Jaguar XJ-6 was part exchanged which must have represented a bit of a change in style. The very comprehensive history file contains twenty seven MoTs and the current one expires in January 2017. In May 2004, having covered 44,300 miles, our engineer owner decided to have the engine rebuilt by JW Developments to their 'High Efficiency' specification. These engines are pretty well bomb proof and a quality rebuild, including a conversion to unleaded heads, by respected engine builders should ensure years of life. The engine bay carries their specification plate. Two sets of original keys, original documents and handbooks are present completing a remarkable story.

Cars of this type, with a documented and continuous history line, really excite us, and this particular TVR 3000M, having had all (most) of its 'little ways' dealt with, deserves a second owner who appreciates how special his new purchase is. This is a one owner, 37year-old TVR, in excellent condition and looking fabulous. Hackneyed cliché but it needs to be said, 'not to be missed'!

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