


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1972 Land Rover Range Rover

Lot sold	<b>USD 33 827 - 44 235</b> GBP 26 000 - 34 000 (listed)	Lenkung	Links
Baujahr	1972	Zustand	Gebraucht
Chassisnummer	355-05144A	Standort	
Zahl der Sitze	2	Kraftstoff	Benzin
Antrieb	Zweirad	Außenfarbe	Sonstige
Losnummer	311		

### Beschreibung

1972 Range Rover 4x4 Estate  
Registration no. BMR 745L  
Chassis no. 355-05144A

'The first production Range Rover seemed a technological wonder. Permanent four wheel drive, dual line disc brakes, and lightweight V8 engines were unusual enough on road cars; thoroughly radical for anything that went off road.' Eric Dymock, 'Land Rover File'.

An outstanding landmark design that almost single-handedly created the booming market in dual-purpose 4x4s, the Range Rover was greeted with universal acclaim on its arrival in 1970 and has remained the class leader, despite ever increasing foreign and domestic competition, ever since. The idea of a more road-biased 4x4 had been around since the Land Rover's arrival in the late 1940s, but it would be some two decades before the concept crystallised in what would end up as the Range Rover. Spen King and Gordon Bashford were responsible for the initial conception, with final detailing entrusted to David Bache.

A separate, Land Rover type chassis was employed to carry the enclosed aluminium body, while long-travel coil-sprung suspension ensured that the ride would be more saloon car than utility. Rover already possessed an ideal power unit in the form of its 3.5-litre light alloy V8. The Range Rover was greeted enthusiastically by both press and public on its arrival in 1970, offering comfortable cruising at 90mph and a greater off-road capability than most of its customers would ever need. The fact that

the original lasted in production for an amazing 24 years before being replaced in 1994 only serves to illustrate the soundness of the original concept. Indeed, the 'old' Range Rover - evocatively renamed 'Range Rover Classic' - did not disappear immediately but continued to be built for another year alongside the new version.

This desirable 'Suffix A' model was originally finished in Tuscan Blue and sold new in October 1972 to Colletts Avon Motors Limited of Salisbury, Wiltshire. The late Paul Jennings acquired the vehicle from the Land Rover Centre, Huddersfield in March 2015. Representing a rare opportunity to acquire a fine example of the iconic Range Rover in its earliest and purest form, the car is offered with sundry invoices, a BMIHT Certificate, V5C registration document, and service booklet last stamped in January 1998.

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