

# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1980 Renault 5 - Turbo 1

Turbo 1

Lot sold	<b>USD 0</b> EUR 0 (listed)	Lenkung	Rechts
Baujahr	1980	Zustand	Gebraucht
Losnummer	112	Standort	
		Außenfarbe	Blau
		Automobiltyp	Sonstige

### Beschreibung

- Rare Series 1 example
- Retained by its original French owner for decades
- Believed to have only three owners from new
- One of fewer than 600 built

The Renault 5 Turbo was built to promote the more conventional R5 Alpine, but also to homologate a package potent enough to challenge the likes of Lancia in the World Rally Championship. Launched at the Brussels Motor Show in 1980, it was an unexpected success and has since become a cult “hot hatch”.

The reason for the popularity is easy to see in hindsight: it was simply outrageous, both in concept and realisation. The 90 bhp front engine, front-wheel drive conventional layout of the R5 Alpine was ditched in favour of a mid-engined, 160-bhp turbocharged unit, driven at the rear. Widened track, modified suspension and aluminum bodywork and fiberglass flared wheels arches finished the package. So effective was the upgrade that it became the most powerful French car in production at the time of its launch.

This fantastic example is note-worthy for being a series 1 example, of which fewer than 600 were produced. It boasts a fascinating ownership history, having remained in the hands of one French family for a majority of its life. Specified in beautiful Blue Olympe with its suitably eye-catching art-deco matching interior (unique to series 1 cars), it presents in fine original condition. As offered by

the consignor, the car is believed to be have only three caretakers since new. It is accompanied by a copy of its original French title, toolkit and original radio.

This may well be one of the finest series 1 cars in existence and any collector with a penchant for French cars, rally cars or extremely fun toys ought to give it serious consideration.

Please note that, as seen the catalogue photography, a set of pliers and one set of spanners is missing from the tool kit.

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Nota bene: come visto nella foto del catalogo, un set di pinze e un set di chiavi non sono presenti nel tool kit

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