


CLASSIC DRIVER



1973 BMW 3.0 CSI

Lot sold	USD 56 402 - 64 862 GBP 40 000 - 46 000 (listed)	Lenkung	Links
Baujahr	1973	Zustand	Gebraucht
Getriebe	Schaltgetriebe	Standort	
Chassisnummer	2263204	Kraftstoff	Benzin
Zahl der Sitze	2	Außenfarbe	Sonstige
Antrieb	Zweirad	Automobiltyp	Sonstige
Losnummer	311	Motornummer	12524660

Beschreibung

Guide price: ??40000 - ??46000.

- This LHD, manual gearbox, 3-litre CSI was delivered in July 1973 finished in Atlantic Blue
- During its life, it has undergone a respray in the original colour and been lightly restored in Germany
- Repairs to the exhaust, fuel pump and anti-roll bar bush spacers during May 2018 (invoices in the file)
- Just under 84,000 kilometres indicated and in beautiful condition inside and out

Emerging from a difficult financial period, BMW felt sufficiently confident in the mid-sixties to return to six-cylinder power for its top-of-the-range models, culminating in 1968 with the launch of the 2500 and 2800 saloons together with a really stylish coupé, the 2800CS. Known by their factory code 'E9', these Karmann-built cars were effectively a development of BMW's existing, four-cylinder 2000CS stretched to accommodate the 2800 saloon's M30 engine, although its platform and running gear had more in common with the earlier car. The 2800CS was, in turn, replaced by the similarly styled 3.0-litre CS in 1971 and the new car brought with it numerous improvements, including four-wheel disc brakes in place of the old disc/drum combination. With 180bhp now available, these were quick cars,

and the 3.0CS was capable of speeds in excess of 130mph.No sooner, it seemed, had the 3.0CS been announced, than its 'Flagship' status was usurped in the late summer of 1971 by a fuel injected version. This, the 3.0CSi, offered a significant 20 bhp increase in power, albeit slightly toned down by the 3.25:1 final drive fitted to give longer 'cruising-legs'. Available only with a manual 4-speed gearbox, the emphasis was clearly on sports performance and many feel that the CSi was BMW's first qualifying tilt since the fabulous 507 at joining the 'Supercar' league. However, due to the arrival of the CSL - only a matter of months after the CSi was introduced to the UK in June 1972 - and to the following year's fuel crisis, the injected model was always rare in RHD form with only around 450 making it to the UK. This left-hand drive, manual gearbox BMW 3.0 CSi was first registered on 01/07/73 as finished in 'Atlantik Blau' and delivered to the Berlin dealership later that month. During its lifetime, it has been resprayed in the original colour and has undergone a light restoration in Germany whilst under German ownership. Work carried out in May 2018 included repairs to the exhaust, fuel pump and anti-roll bar bush spacers and detailed invoices are in the car's history file. It has recently formed part of the collection of one of Silverstone's most fastidious owners who is in the fortunate position of being able to add to and trim his collection every few years and his CSi is now being offered for sale with the current odometer reading being just under 84,000 kilometres. (52,500 miles).These pillarless Coupes are blessed with timeless good looks and this superbly presented example in Atlantic Blue with a cream interior and navy blue carpets is simply delightful.

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