

CLASSIC DRIVER



1959 Austin-Healey 3000

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Lenkung	Rechts
Baujahr	1959	Zustand	Gebraucht
Kilometerstand	13 mi / 21 km	Standort	
Getriebe	Schaltgetriebe	Außenfarbe	Sonstige
Losnummer	189	Automobiltyp	Sonstige

Beschreibung

"The 'Big' Healey enjoyed steady development with the early four-cylinder cars giving way to the 100/6 in 1956 which, in turn, was replaced by the first of the 3000s in 1959. The new car featured an enlarged 2,912cc version of Austin's six cylinder engine with twin SU carburetors and Girling front disc brakes offering excellent performance and resulting in the model becoming a great success. The 3000 was only referred to as the Mk. I once the Mk. II model was introduced in 1961. Other changes were minor compared to those between the original 100 and the 100/6. The wheelbase and body were unchanged as were the body-styles, a 2+2 or BT7 and a two-seater BN7.

It is difficult to mistake the Austin-Healey 3000 for anything other than it is, a British sports car with punch. The example offered today was built at the Abingdon factory between 14th July and 10th August 1959 and shipped to a New York dealer. The car was repatriated to the UK whereby it has undergone an extensive restoration and, where feasible, existing parts have been painfully restored or repaired. Existing components that could not be salvaged, have been replaced sympathetically. Originally built with black coachwork with black hood & red trim, the car has now been restored in the beautiful and iconic metallic Healey blue over ivory white, with classic Healey blue trim. The engine was fully dismantled with all parts being thoroughly cleaned via ultrasonic cleaning and dipping. Every part has then been checked, crack tested as necessary, with

suspect components replaced before re-assembling. To maintain high standards, new pistons, piston rings and bearings were fitted. The cylinder re-bored, crankshaft re-ground and, along with other work carried out, the engine can now be considered to have zero mileage. The interior upholstery has been professionally re-trimmed to a very high standard using high quality leather and carpet ensuring that the material and colours used are as close as possible to the original ones used at the time of production. Several upgrades have been introduced, both in period and during the restoration. These upgrades include larger 2 HD8 carburettors, larger front brake calipers, stiffer anti-roll bar, later gearbox and matching differential allowing a more usable central gear lever, halogen headlights and an aluminium radiator.

Included is a file of invoices, a heritage certificate and a UK V5 registration document. With original and correct matching engine, chassis and body numbers, this attractive Austin-Healey wants for nothing."

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