

CLASSIC DRIVER



1971 Austin Mini Cooper - S MK III

S MK III

Preis	Preis auf Anfrage	Lenkung	Links
Baujahr	1971	Innenfarbe	Schwarz
Kilometerstand	65 525 mi / 105 453 km	Zustand	Restauriert
Getriebe	Schaltgetriebe	Standort	
Chassisnummer	XAD1-228236A	Kraftstoff	Benzin
Zahl der Sitze	4	Außenfarbe	Schwarz
Anzahl der Türen	2	Automobiltyp	Limousine
Leistung	76 BHP / 78 PS / 57 kW	Motornummer	12H/397F/556
Antrieb	Zweirad		

Beschreibung

The Mini , a small economy car , produced by BMC (and its successors) from 1959 for over 40 years, was created in response to the fuel shortage caused by the 1956 Suez crisis. Innovative and unique , it quickly became an icon of the 1960's British culture. Its space saving transverse engine and front wheel drive influenced a generation of many other car manufacturers during of the 20th century.The Mini was first marketed under BMC's two main brands, the Austin and the Morris and it was not until later that it became a marque in its own rights.

BMC was very optimistic and the first series , Mark I, was launched simultaneously worldwide in 100 countries. It was followed by the Mark II in 1967. Probably the biggest single revision to the Mini range was the introduction of the Mark III in 1969 with a different body shell , larger doors with concealed hinges and winding windows. By the time the Mark IV (and following) was introduced in

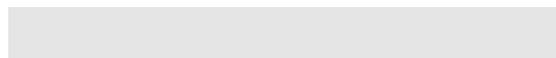
1976, BMC had already sold 4 million. When production ceased in 2000 , a total of about 5,4 million had left the various factories , not even counting the Innocenti . All series used small block engines (848cc , 998cc, 1071cc and the 1275cc) in a wide range of set-ups , matching the various body styles over the years.

The Cooper was the brainchild of F1 race car legend John Cooper, who identified the keen handling of the small front-wheel drive Mini. His idea appealed to the BMC management and they introduced the 848 cc Austin Mini Cooper plus the Morris Mini Cooper in September 1961, followed by the more powerful Cooper S in 1963 . The MK II Coopers came in 1967.

Although the MK III had been introduced in 1969, the Cooper S production did not commence until March 1970 and the normal Cooper was discontinued. The Cooper S was virtually indistinguishable from the standard MK III except for the twin petrol tanks , wheels and boot badge. Internally the main clue was the 130mph speedometer. The engine was still the same 1275 cc 76 HP and also the hydroelastic suspension was carried on, but this time with ' silver ' competition units, giving the MK III Cooper S the best ride and handling of any production Mini. Because of the short production the changes were relatively minor, the main one being a locking steering column at the end of 1970. When the production of the Cooper S finally ceased in June 1971 only 1572 MK III S had rolled off the production line which makes it a very limited edition, compared to a total about 125.000 Coopers and Cooper S .

Our car is one of the very sought after 1572 and was built in 1971, making it one of the last real classic Cooper S . The very rare black color , although original and beautifully combined with the all black interior , was not one of the 9 standard factory colors. It was most likely a special paint to order , similar to the 27 white cars made for the Liverpool police. The previous owner and very notable Mini restorer used his years of experience and all his passion to restore the car completely from A to Z. No bolt remained untouched . The concours restoration was finished in 2019 and the car was awarded Best in Class at the Brighton Mini Run Concours . Only one month later it won the well respected Beaulieu Cup at the Mini Cooper Register's prestigious National Mini Day. The Cooper S will be a welcome entrant on any other concours or can also be enjoyed on the road. In contradiction with some concours winners , this is not a trailer queen. The smooth engine pulls strong , acceleration is brisk and the handling is inviting you to take on winding roads. It has only been test driven for about 1.000 miles, enough to fine tune the mechanics . It was fully serviced again in January of this year and is ready to go.

The car has a UK v5 registration , comes with an owner's manual and a restoration photo album. You are very much welcome to check out the car yourselves if you have a serious interest in acquiring one of the best , if not best, restored Mini Cooper S Mk III . Please be advised that we are open by appointment only . In the meantime do not hesitate to contact us should you need more information.



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