

CLASSIC DRIVER

1939 MG VA - Drophead Coupe

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- Lot sold
USD 65 000 - 75 000
Year of manufacture 1939
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Interior colour** Other
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Convertible / Roadster
- **Exterior brand colour** Red
- **Interior brand colour** Tan
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Description

MG added the all-new 1 1/2 liter VA to their range at the 1936 London Motor Show, cataloging three body styles, a four-door saloon, a four seat tourer and the Tickford folding head foursome (drophead coupé), the latter coachwork manufactured by Salmons & Sons Ltd. of Newport Pagnell. The 1,548cc, overhead valve engine was fed by twin SU carburetors and generated a useful 54bhp, driving through a four-speed gearbox, combining to give the car lively performance and good fuel economy.

This is an example of the 'folding head foursome', a handsome style intrinsically British in its design, and offering the options of a completely lowered top, an entirely closed car or a half-way house, of the driving seats being in the open and the passengers sheltered. It was a style much favored in the U.K. and frequently visible on Jaguars, Rolls-Royce, Bentley and other marques in the immediate pre-war years.

The car resided in its former ownership for 26 years and approximatel

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