


CLASSIC DRIVER

1956 Cooper Bobtail - Type 39

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- Lot sold
USD 116 561 - 134 966
GBP 95 000 - 110 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1956
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Competition car** Yes
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Drive** LHD
- **Interior colour** Other
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
- **Exterior brand colour** Green
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Description

Coys Auction - Spring Classics
Royal Horticultural Halls
Elverton St
Westminster
London SW1
Tuesday 8 March 2011
Estimate: £95,000 - £110,000
Registration Number: N/A
Chassis Number: C5/52/56

Following its motor racing debut in the 500cc single seater category in 1947, it was clear that the Cooper marque would be a force to be reckoned with. Like most of the other motorcycle-engined machines, the Cooper 500 was rear-engined due to such a configuration being the most practical by which to link the motor's chain drive to the rear wheels.

It also enabled the design to be as compact as possible while optimising weight distribution. The recipe worked well and provided Cooper with invaluable experience when the Surbiton, Surrey, based company stepped up to higher formulae. Indeed, it was Cooper that led the rear-engined revolution in Grand Prix racing with every other constructor - including a famous Italian marque, despite Enzo Ferrari once insisting to John Cooper that no racing car of his

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