

CLASSIC DRIVER

1965 Sunbeam Tiger

- Lot sold
USD 30 079 - 36 094
GBP 25 000 - 30 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1965
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Drive** RHD
- **Interior colour** Other
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Convertible / Roadster
- **Exterior brand colour** Dark Blue
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Description

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Ascot Racecourse,
Berkshire SL5 7JX

Saturday 2 October 2010 at 3pm

In 1964 Ian Garrad, Rootes West Coast USA Manager, came up with the idea of fitting a Ford V8 into the Series V Alpine to create a car that could finally take on the Jaguar E Type and Austin Healey 3000. Given that Carroll Shelby had conceived and developed the similarly Ford V8-powered AC Cobra, it was to the Texan racer that Rootes turned to produce the initial prototype before design development and production were handed to Jensen Motors.

On its public debut on October 31 1964 at the Turin Motor Show, the Tiger was duly well received and in road tests on both sides of the Atlantic it drew significant praise. Fitted with Ford's 4,261cc V8, producing 164bhp at 4,400rpm, it could top 120mph with 0-60mph taking just 7.8 seconds. The Tiger soon found its way onto the track and went on to enjoy much success, particularly in rallying where it effectively took over the mantle of the Big Healeys.

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