


CLASSIC DRIVER



1937 Riley Imp

Lot sold	USD 108 613 - 118 361 GBP 78 000 - 85 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1937	Interior colour	Other
Gearbox	Manual	Condition	Used
Drivetrain	2wd	Location	
Interior type	Leather	Fuel type	Petrol
		Exterior colour	Other
		Car type	Convertible / Roadster
		Exterior brand colour	Red

Description

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Royal Horticultural Halls
Elverton St
Westminster
London SW1

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Registration Number: EU Registered Chassis Number: 66M2014

In the 1930s Riley made some of the world's best small sporting cars, their secret being low weight and a classic 'hemi-head' engine. In 1934, 1 1/2-litre Rileys were second and third at Le Mans, and a 1,100cc Riley was fourth in 1933 behind three Alfa Romeos. Then there were three wins in the Tourist Trophy in the 1930s, and in 1951 Mike Hawthorn was virtually unbeatable in Riley's which were nearly 20 years old

There is an irony to the cars built by Riley in the 1930s; the qualities which attracted buyers then,

and make the cars so desirable today, were the qualities which forced the marque into receivership. Riley was an innovator, the Nine Monaco of 1926 was the first car with a stepped back and integral boot and its engine, designed by Percy Riley, achieved mos

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