


CLASSIC DRIVER

1965 Morgan 4/4

- Lot sold
USD 42 944 - 49 078
GBP 35 000 - 40 000 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1965
- **Chassis number** B1063
- **Number of seats** 2
- **Drivetrain** 2wd
- **Lot number** 39
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- **Drive** LHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Fuel type** Petrol
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Engine number** S 354071
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Description

Left-hand drive
1965 Morgan 4/4 Series V Sports
Registration no. FDS 295C
Chassis no. B1063
Engine no. S 354071

Of the 646 Morgan 4/4 Series V models built, it is estimated that fewer than 300 survive. Of those, left-hand drive chassis number 'B1063' is without question one of the best examples on the road today. The car has had only a handful of owners, and prior to its acquisition by the current vendor in 2012 belonged to the president of the Morgan Car Club of Washington DC for some 20-plus years. Sold new in Arlington, Virginia the car has spent its entire life in the southern states and, as a result, suffers from none of the structural problems that can plague older Morgans.

'B1063' was purchased by the preceding owner in 1991, having been off the road for 13 years, and driven regularly until 1997/1998 when it was taken off the road for a 'frame off' restoration. In 2011 the Morgan was treated to another comprehensive professional rebuild, necessitated on this occasion by a cracked chassis frame. Since completion the car has seen only moderate use and is said to be in better condition today than when it left the factory. Details of the restoration, including numerous photographs, are contained within the accompanying history file.

The original 1,500cc Kent engine has been bored and stroked and now displaces approximately 1,750cc, with a commensurate increase in horsepower, while the addition of a five-speed gearbox allows the car to cruise comfortably at motorway speeds. (The original four-speed 'box is included in the sale). The engine specification also includes an aluminium flywheel; 8.5" clutch; big-valve cylinder head with hardened valve seats, double valve springs and roller rocker arms; performance camshaft; twin Weber 40 DCOE carburettors; stainless steel exhaust manifold; high-pressure oil pump; spin-on oil filter; and a 123 Ignition Systems programmable distributor.

Other noteworthy features include a new powder-coated chassis; new bulkhead and inner wings; aluminium radiator; electric fuel pump; dual-circuit master cylinder; White Post front brake callipers; and new finned aluminium rear brake drums. The front suspension has been upgraded, incorporating needle roller bearings and Spax tubular shock absorbers, while the rear axle is now damped by Koni telescopic shock absorbers and located by anti-tramp bars and a Panhard rod. (The original Armstrong lever-type dampers are included in the sale). Wheels are Dayton chrome 72-spoke wires featuring stainless spokes and shod with Kumho tyres.

The body retains its original tub, wings, bonnet and front shroud, while the floorboards are made from Plascore aluminium honeycomb. The seats and interior have been re-trimmed by the late Vic Pulizzi, and the car comes with full weather equipment consisting of a hood, side screens and tonneau covers. A Smiths Classic electronic speedometer has been fitted and a custom wiring harness with upgraded fuse panel installed. The latter includes wiring for an Alfa Elite rally computer and a 12-volt socket for satnav, 'phone charger, etc. (The original mechanical speedometer is included in the sale).

While in the immediately preceding owner's care, this superb Morgan amassed an impressive 18 concours wins and three 'Best of Show' awards including the most prestigious Peter Morgan Award, handed out yearly by the Morgan Car Club for the best car. No mere 'trailer queen', it has also taken 1st in Class awards at more than 20 auto-cross events, was the Solo 1 H-Stock Champion in 2011 and the Solo 1 Sports Car Class Champion in 2012 in the highly competitive Sports Car Club of America's Blue Ridge region. The car has also been featured in 'Morgan World International' magazine ((issue 10). Currently MoT'd, this beautiful 4/4 is offered with the aforementioned history file, Morgan dating certificate, old US title and V5C registration document.

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