


CLASSIC DRIVER



1964 Alfa Romeo Giulia

Lot sold	USD 47 676 - 61 297 GBP 35 000 - 45 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1964	Condition	Used
Chassis number	AR 383111	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	306	Engine number	AR00112 13886

Description

1964 Alfa Romeo Giulia 1600 Spider
Coachwork by Pininfarina
Registration no. ESG 237C
Chassis no. AR 383111
Engine no. AR00112 13886

Although the 1900 had been its first successful post-war model, it was Alfa Romeo's next offering, the 1.3-litre Giulietta, which established the 'small car, big performance' formula that would characterise the Milanese marque's finest offerings from then on. The Giulietta's arrival in 1954 caused a sensation; demand outstripped supply at first, causing Alfa to rethink its production strategy and become, for the first time, a high-volume manufacturer. The original Giulietta Sprint Coupé of 1954 was soon joined by Berlina and Spider versions. Sporting elegant coachwork designed and built by Pininfarina, the Giulietta Spider was a huge success and continued virtually unchanged in 1.6-litre Giulia guise when the latter joined the Alfa line-up in 1962. A bonnet air scoop, necessary to clear the larger engine's taller block, readily identified the new model. The capacity increase boosted maximum power of Alfa's classic twin-cam four from 80 to 92bhp and the car's top speed to 109mph. Reliability was likewise enhanced and the larger engine was noticeably smoother and less fussy. A five-speed gearbox was standard on the Giulia 1600 Spider, which remained in production until replaced by the Duetto in 1966. Described by Cars Illustrated as 'probably one of the most delightful small sports cars which will ever be produced,' the Giulia Spider is certainly one of the most attractive

Alfa Romeos of its day and remains highly regarded now.

This rare right-hand drive Giulia Spider enjoyed three owners in the West Country, followed by a father and son, John and Rupert Gordon, before passing into the current ownership in February 2002. We are advised that the car is in very original condition, never having undergone a full restoration, and that it has been well cared for by its previous owners (the Gordons were both Alfa Romeo Owners Club members). The colour was changed from grey to blue during their ownership.

While in the vendor's care, the car has been kept in original condition and maintained by the same mechanic (another AROC member) with all parts supplied by classic Alfa Romeo specialists AlfaStop. The car comes complete with its original hood, jack, spare wheel and tool kit, the latter containing a set of Lodge spark plugs. Spares to include an oil filter, air filter, hoses, etc come with it also. Described by the private vendor as in generally good condition, this is an extremely fun, beautiful and usable sports car is offered with an old-style green logbook, sundry invoices, V5C document and current MoT.

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