


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1956 AC Aceca

Lot sold	<b>USD 127 366 - 152 839</b> GBP 100 000 - 120 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1956	Condition	Used
Country VAT	GB	Location	
Mileage	18 609 mi / 29 949 km	Fuel type	Petrol
Gearbox	Manual	Exterior colour	Other
Chassis number	BE573	Car type	Other
Number of seats	2	Engine number	100D524
Number of doors	2		
Drivetrain	2wd		
Lot number	15		

### Description

- The third Aceca Bristol built and potentially Mille Miglia eligible
- 'Matching' chassis and engine numbers plus overdrive
- Subject to some £10,000 worth of work during the current ownership
- Previously fettled by the likes of Spencer Lane Jones and TT Workshops

The Aceca was the Coupe version of AC's much-vaunted Ace Roadster and sold between 1954 and 1963. It had equivalent engine options and by the end of production 151 AC-engined Acecas, 169 Aceca-Bristols and eight Ford Zephyr-powered versions had been manufactured. Chassis BE573 has the distinction of being the third Bristol-engined example made, and the sister car to the 1957 Mille

Miglia competitor BE572 and the Ecurie des Trois Chevrons racer BEX574. It is understood to have been dispatched to dealer Johnson & Brown of West Bromley on September 11, 1956, who supplied it new to a J Mansfield of West Horsley. Its keeper in the early-mid 1960s was Richard Harding of Hereford before it was sold to his friend Roger Searle a few years later, while the accompanying continuation logbook confirms it was registered to Swanmore Garage of Bournemouth by March 1969. A fine matching numbers example, `XKR 7' retains its original 100D engine but these days benefits from an alternator, Kenlowe electric fan, dual circuit brakes, collapsible steering column, overdrive, Moto-Lita steering wheel and Willans harnesses. Restored in 2004, it is finished in Silver and trimmed in Grey hide.

In recent times this lovely AC has benefited from a rear suspension overhaul and the replacement of the radiator, wheels and tyres. Its maintenance has been handled by the likes of, Spencer Lane Jones, TT Workshops and IT Racing, with whom the vendor has invested some £10,000 since buying the Aceca in 2013. He is now offering the car complete with a collection of old MOTs and invoices, a spare set of wheels and tyres, and photographs of the restoration. He presently classes the bodywork, interior trim, Bristol engine and four speed manual gearbox as `excellent', and the paintwork as `very good'. Motorsport enthusiasts should note that BE573 is potentially eligible for the Mille Miglia retrospective.

PLEASE NOTE: All estimates are subject to a buyer's premium of 15% incl. VAT (@ 20%)

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