


CLASSIC DRIVER



1955 Bentley R Type

Lot sold	USD 1 GBP 1 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1955	Condition	Used
Mileage	42 704 mi / 68 726 km	Location	
Gearbox	Automatic	Fuel type	Petrol
Chassis number	B188ZY	Exterior colour	Other
Number of seats	2	Car type	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Engine number	Not Stated
Lot number	55300		

Description

- Part of the Old Hall collection since July 2006
- Previously supplied by renowned Rolls-Royce and Bentley specialists Frank Dale & Stepsons
- Self-evidently the subject of much past restoration work, four-speed automatic transmission, MOT'd till Oct 2018

An obvious evolution of its MKVI predecessor, the Bentley R-Type was introduced at the 1952 Earls Court Motor Show. Subtly reworked from the previous model by in-house stylist John Blatchley, it boasted a notably larger boot and reprofiled rear wings. Switching from riveted to welded frame construction at chassis B349TO, the newcomer featured independent coil-and-wishbone front suspension, a leaf-sprung 'live' rear axle and servo-assisted four-wheel drum brakes (hydraulic front / rod rear). Powered by a 'big bore' 4566cc straight-six inlet-over-exhaust engine allied to either four-

speed manual or automatic transmission, the R-type was a surprisingly strong performer, able to reach more than 100mph. Praised by the contemporary motoring press for its high-speed handling and well-appointed interior, the model remained in production until 1955 by which time some 2,017 Standard Steel Saloons are thought to have been made.

First registered by Huntingdonshire County Council (or so its distinctive 'OEW 100' number plate would imply), this particular example has formed part of the Old Hall collection since July 2006. Previously supplied by renowned Rolls-Royce and Bentley specialist Frank Dale & Stepsons, the R-Type has self-evidently benefited from much past restoration work. Finished in Maroon with Beige leather upholstery, its odometer shows an unwarranted 42,700 miles. Fitted with a centre spotlight, modern indicators and four-speed automatic transmission, the Bentley presents nicely and started readily during our recent photography session (October 2017). Offered for sale with V5C Registration Document, large and small tools and MOT certificate valid until October 2018.

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

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