


CLASSIC DRIVER

1955 Austin-Healey 100

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1955
- **Mileage** 10 177 mi / 16 379 km
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Lot number** TBA
- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

"The Austin Healey 100 was built from 1953 until 1956 and was developed by Donald Healey to be produced in-house by Healey's small car company in Warwick. Healey built a single 100 or Hundred for the 1952 London Motor Show and the design impressed Leonard Lord, Managing Director of Austin, so much that a deal was struck with Healey to build it at Austin's Longbridge factory and so it was renamed the Austin-Healey 100. The name came from Donald Healey who selected it due to the car's ability to reach 100mph, as opposed to the Austin-Healey 3000, duly named for its 3000cc engine. The 100 was the first of three models later called the Big Healeys to distinguish them from the much smaller Austin-Healey Sprite. The Big Healeys are often referred to by their three-character model designators rather than by their models. The first series 'BN1' were equipped with the same 90bhp engines and manual gearbox as the A90, although the transmission was modified to be a three-speed unit with overdrive on second and top.

This lovely example from the quintessential British Sports car manufacturer is presented in red with a black interior, both of which are in wonderful condition and comes with a black hood. It was bought by the present owner's late husband in 1977, when he set about a restoration of the car, including the wiring and also had the car resprayed. There is photographic evidence of this project on file. The gearbox was refurbished at some point in the 1990s and at the end of 2011 the car was again resprayed and has been garaged the whole time since the late 1970s. This particular car is in absolutely superb condition throughout and with its factory fitted overdrive, it still is a great sports car which enjoys being put through its paces on twisty country roads or just cruising on the motorway.

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