


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1956 Land Rover Series I

Lot sold	<b>USD 20 863 - 27 818</b> GBP 15 000 - 20 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1956	Condition	Used
Gearbox	Manual	Location	
Chassis number	111700717	Fuel type	Petrol
Number of seats	2	Exterior colour	Other
Drivetrain	2wd	Car type	Other
Lot number	348	Engine number	Not specified

### Description

Guide price: £15000 - £20000.

- An 88" Land Rover Series I first registered in November 1956
- The recipient of a full refurbishment and finished in Bronze Green with Exmoor Green seating
- Fitted with a more modern TDi engine, but sold with a period correct petrol engine and gearbox in need of full refurbishment
- Supplied with a UK V5c and a new canvas top

The original Land Rover Series I was designed by Maurice Wilks and launched by the Rover Company of Solihull on 30th April 1948. It had an 80-inch wheelbase and a sturdy box section ladder-frame chassis. The open back with 3 seats in the front design was heavily influenced by the American World War Two Willys Jeep. The Land Rover quickly became popular with both the army and the farming fraternity (not least because it had a 'power take-off' or PTO as standard). The wheelbase was extended to 86 inches in 1955 to give the vehicle more stability and greater load capacity. A canvas top also became a practical addition. The strong, reliable 2.0-litre petrol engine was standard until 1957 when, with the introduction of the Series II model, a diesel engine was offered as an

alternative. This right-hand drive Land Rover Series I 88" was first registered in the UK on 26th November 1956. Having been the recipient of a full refurbishment some years ago, this 'Landy' is finished in the classic colour combination of Deep Bronze Green with body coloured wheels and a new Khaki canvas rear top. The interior has been refinished in new Exmoor Green Square-style seating and the vehicle has been upgraded to a more modern TDi engine making it more efficient and driveable. An age-related petrol engine and gearbox (in need of a full rebuild) accompany the sale, should one wish to return this Series I back to its roots, and it will need to be collected by the buyer after the auction from the vendor. Supplied with a UK V5c and a folder of invoices, this Series I 88" is now in fine condition and ready to roam its natural habitat in the countryside - the perfect companion for those summer evening jaunts to your local!

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