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1966 Bentley T I

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1966	Condition	Used
Mileage	98 492 mi / 158 508 km	Location	
Gearbox	Automatic	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	196	Car type	Other

Description

"The Bentley T-Series was the Bentley badged version of the Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow, available as a four or two door saloon with coachwork by James Young or Mulliner Park Ward. The Bentley differed from its Rolls-Royce equivalent by its more rounded front grille, while the badging on the wheel covers, boot lid and gauges naturally featured Bentley motifs rather than the Rolls-Royce logo. In October 1966, the 'T' saloon's pre-tax 'list price' of £5,375 undercut the Rolls-Royce by £50. The Bentley was technically an identical twin of the Rolls-Royce and seemed to have been purchased mostly by owners wishing for a more understated luxury saloon. The former sporting image of Bentley motor cars differing from Rolls-Royces had gone by the time the Silver Shadow/Bentley 'T' was introduced and this was no longer a primary reason to purchase a Bentley over the Rolls-Royce sibling.

Originally registered in the UK on 3rd October 1966, this Bentley T1 is finished in blue with grey leather interior and is fitted with the highly desirable 'Chippendale' dashboard. These delightful Bentleys are effortless to drive and can be likened to 'driving your favourite armchair'. The 6230cc Rolls-Royce V8 engine is quite and smooth in operation and offers great reliability. The Bentley equivalent of the Silver Shadow was produced in far fewer number than the Rolls-Royce, the ratio

being 11:1 in the Shadow's favour making the Bentley T1 a rare car today."

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