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1980 Citroen Mehari

Lot sold	USD 0 GBP 0 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1980	Condition	Used
Mileage	11 750 mi / 18 910 km	Location	
Gearbox	Manual	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	145	Car type	Other

Description

"Almost certainly inspired by BMC's Mini Moke, the Citroën Méhari first appeared in prototype form in 1967 and like its British counterpart was based on a standard production car. In the Citroën's case it was the Dyane 6 version of the inimitable 2CV, so the Méhari featured the latter's torsion-bar, suspension and air-cooled 602cc twin-cylinder engine driving the front wheels. The open body was made of ABS plastic and, like the Moke, a detachable soft-top and side screens served as weather protection. Taking its name from a type of camel known for its speed, the Méhari was launched at the Paris Auto Show in October 1968 and would remain in the range for the next 20 years, only disappearing when 2CV production ceased in France in 1988, by which time a total of 144,953 had been made.

This wonderful and fun vehicle was originally built in France, it was then imported to the UK where it was converted to righthand drive and extensively restored and rebuilt. It has a galvanised chassis, new galvanised spaceframe, new tyres, new hood, panels and frame. The ABS plastic body panels have been replaced and repainted in the striking orange you see today. The engine and gearbox have been recommissioned and there are too many other new and replacement parts to list. Contained within the history file there is a six page itemised invoice from a specialist vehicle restorer

amounting to £9868 and a photographic record of the restoration. This fun, practical and economic little car comes with a V5C registration document and a dating certificate from the Citroën Car Club. The perfect way to enjoy the summer, which is only just around the corner!

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