


CLASSIC DRIVER



1959 Austin-Healey 100 / 6

Lot sold	USD 61 110 - 85 554 EUR 50 000 - 70 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1959	Condition	Restored
Chassis number	BN4 L060699	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Grey
Lot number	42	Car type	Convertible / Roadster

Description

French historic-vehicle registration documents

Fully restored

Many mechanical upgrades

After the Second World War, Donald Healey, formerly a works driver for Invicta and then Technical Director at Triumph, started building cars under his own name as well as collaborating with Nash to make the Nash-Healey. He went on to conceive a cheaper model using Austin parts, and entered into an association with BMC, who would produce and market the car. The Austin-Healey 100 – so named for its 100mph capability – went into production in 1953, powered by the 2660cc four-cylinder engine of the Austin A90 Atlantic, developing 90bhp. Positioned between the Triumph TR2 and the Jaguar XK, it was a notable success in the United States.

In 1956 the 100 was replaced by the 100-Six, with a 102bhp six-cylinder engine of 2639cc and the four-speed gearbox found on later 100s. Given the internal code BN4, the 100-Six was a little longer, to house the new engine and allow two small rear seats to be fitted, and had a new oval grille with horizontal bars. Judged less sporting than its predecessor, the 100-Six scored instead with the

smoothness and torque of its new engine. With the arrival of the more potent 2912cc 3000 in 1959, the 'Big Healey' regained the performance lacking in the 100-Six, and the model continued until the beginning of 1968, when the last 3000 MkIII left the lines.

This BN4 - there was also, from 1958, a two-seater version tagged the BN6 - was first registered in the States in 1959. After being imported into France it received a full back-to-metal restoration by Z&P, in the course of which it was given a 3000 grille and works-style side vents. Mechanical updates include a 3000 engine with electronic ignition, disc front brakes, an electric cooling fan, and power steering. The many extra items of equipment are all listed in the valuation drawn up in July 2018 by Stéphane Bonoron, who valued the Austin-Healey at 85,000€. The car is indeed in very fine condition both aesthetically and mechanically. It comes with a file of bills, an FFVE attestation, and a British Motor Industry Trust certificate.

ESTIMATE 50,000 - 70,000€

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