
1949 Alvis TA 14

Lot sold	USD 5 469 - 8 203 GBP 4 000 - 6 000 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1949	Condition	Used
Chassis number	23009	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	202		

Description

1949 Alvis TA14 Sports Saloon Project

Registration no. FDM 544

Chassis no. 23009

Testing Alvis's 1.9-litre TA14 sports saloon in 1946, Autocar found the new model, "the most attractive car of its size which the well known company has produced, because it adds to the typical Alvis sure-footed and lively performance on the road a degree of all-round refinement which is quite impeccable. It steers lightly and with a confident certainty, and holds the road to perfection; the suspension is not hard, but most comfortable, the engine is very smooth and quite quiet, and the engine mounting conceals how many cylinders there are". The car's excellent tractability, well-spaced gear ratios and powerful brakes all came in for praise, Autocar concluding that the TA14's, "very high level of excellence puts this Alvis right in the front rank".

This example was offered for sale as a restoration project at Brooks' Goodwood Festival of Speed auction in June 1995 (Lot 466) at which time it was said to have been in the (then) late owner's hands for several years. Its restoration was said to be well advanced and "to a standard one would expect from an aircraft engineer". The Alvis is in essentially the same condition today unfinished and thus is sold strictly as viewed. We are advised that the engine is seized but appears complete.

Accompanying documentation includes the original buff logbook, an original Manual of Instructions, parts catalogue (reprint), and numerous invoices from the 1970s.

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