
1962 Fiat Abarth

Lot sold	USD 48 300 - 55 200 GBP 35 000 - 40 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1962	Condition	Used
Chassis number	1280038	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	225	Car type	Other

Description

One of Abarth's most successful and iconic models. 982cc, OHV in-line 4-cylinder engine Single downdraft Weber, 68bhp at 6,000 rpm, 5-speed close-ratio gearbox 4-wheel disc brakes, independent front suspension, rear swing axle/coil springs Just four owners and, were informed, only 27,000km from new Largely original and unrestored condition. Eligible for a variety of classic rallies or other driving events The Fiat-Abarth 850TC Berlina (Turismo Competizione) was introduced towards the end of 1960 and utilised the Fiat 600 bodywork with some modifications, most notably a boxlike structure ahead of the front bumper which held the engine's oil cooler and extended wheel arches to accommodate wider wheels. In parallel with the 850TC was the larger 1000TC designed essentially for competition. They became popular in the States where they were aggressively raced against Mini Coopers in the 'D Sedan' class and provided plenty of competition for the British-built Coopers. They were so competitive that they were eventually banned from SCCA competition entirely. The 1000 TC evolved over several years and a variety of improvement programs implemented by Abarth kept them competitive. As such, they represented the last and most potent evolution of these models and with continued development were raced successfully well into the mid-1970s before being eventually banned in most classes! The first 1000 Berlina appeared in 1962 and used a version of the Fiat 600D engine. Prepared for road racing and track use, these cars helped win points in the 1000cc Touring Car Class. They were initially limited to only 68 bhp but managed a respectable 32nd at that year's Rally Monte Carlo. In 1964 the racing version was replaced by the Berlina Corsa which incorporated a variety of overall improvements. This lovely example is powered by a 982cc, OHV in-line 4-cylinder

engine with a single downdraft Weber, producing 68bhp at 6,000 rpm and mated to a 5-speed close-ratio gearbox. It features four-wheel disc brakes, independent front suspension and rear swing axle with coil springs. It's UK-registered, left-hand drive and we are informed that it's largely original and unrestored, has been enjoyed by four owners and has covered less than 27,000km from new. It certainly appears very smart and, as very few of these iconic little Abarth racers are seen in the UK, we imagine that it would be made most welcome at any number of motorsport events.

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