
1950 Austin A90

Lot sold	USD 16 366 - 20 458 GBP 12 000 - 15 000 (listed)	Drive	RHD
Year of manufacture	1950	Condition	Used
Mileage	29 965 mi / 48 224 km	Location	
Gearbox	Manual	Exterior colour	Other
Chassis number	BDZ74878	Car type	Other
Lot number	114	Engine number	100289
		Exterior brand colour	Seafoam Green

Description

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unheard of luxuries such as powered windows and, in convertible form, a hydraulically operated hood. A range of innovative jewelescent metallic colours was also offered in shades such as Seafoam Green and Desert Gold. Powered by the same torquey 2.6-litre four-cylinder engine that later found fame in the Austin-Healey 100/4, it had a four-speed column-change gearbox and could cruise all day at 80mph with another 12mph on tap when needed. To prove its sporting credentials, a convertible A90 broke 63 'stock car' records at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in April 1949, pounding round the track non-stop for seven days and averaging over 70mph including halts for fuel. Sadly for the A90 though, its launch was totally overshadowed by the even more sensational Jaguar XK120 and fast though it was, its Steady-Freddy four-cylinder engine did not have the appeal of a USV8 or the Jaguar 6-cylinder. Despite Austin's best marketing efforts, only 350 were sold in America and just 7,981 were made in total before production ground to a halt in 1952. With only a handful still surviving, these glamorous machines rarely come to market and are increasingly sought after today. Finished in Seafoam Green, his gorgeous convertible has clearly been well restored at some point. It displays all the US-influenced styling cues including five chrome strips running down the bonnet, a built-in centre spot lamp, a "Flying A" mascot on each front wing and rear-wheel spats and has a nicely refurbished Tan interior and green carpets. All very attractive. It's UK, right-hand drive, manual column change, with 29,965 miles indicated and has obviously been well-cared for although currently a non-runner. 1950 Austin A90 Atlantic Convertible https://youtu.be/lqLgMKmfc_strue

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