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1968 Morris Mini Cooper S

- Lot sold
USD 0
GBP 0 (listed)
Year of manufacture 1968
- **Mileage** 11 226 mi / 18 067 km
- **Gearbox** Manual
- **Lot number** 195
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- **Drive** RHD
- **Condition** Used
- **Location** 
- **Exterior colour** Other
- **Car type** Other
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Description

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To many, its designer Alec Issigonis included, the notion that the Mini might have a future as anything other than basic transport was anathema and the idea of a high-performance version was laughable. One man though, saw it quite differently. Racing car manufacturer John Cooper already knew quite a bit about tuning BMC's A-Series engine, he was running the company's Formula Junior effort at the time and a test drive in a prototype Mini convinced him of the car's competition potential. The result, launched in September 1961, was the Mini Cooper, a car that offered a size/price/performance package that was nothing short of miraculous. The Mini Cooper soon established its credentials as a rally and race winner, and the stage was set for even faster versions. The first of these, the 1,071cc Mini Cooper 'S' of 1963, took engine development a stage further and provided the basis for the 971 'S' and 1275 'S' of 1964. This attractive Cooper S version of the unmistakable Mini was manufactured in 1968 and has spent most of its life in the dry environment of New South Wales, Australia. Imported by its enthusiast owner in January 2017, this well presented Mini has been dry stored since its return and has seen minimal use. The classic colour combination of white with a retrimmed red interior is complemented with a black roof and a new set of silver and matt black wheels with Yokohama tyres. Offered to auction with a V5C registration document, this MoT test exempt example will certainly bring a lot of joy to any new owner.

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