



1970 MGB Roadster Classic Rally Car

PRICE £35,000



ABOUT THIS CAR

The MGB had a superb period competition career that included class victory in both the Le Mans 24 Hours and the Monte Carlo Rally. A works-entered car driven by Julian Vernaev and Andrew Hedges also won the 1966 Marathon de la Route, a gruelling 84-hour enduro held at the Nürburgring, while further class wins were scored at the Targa Florio and the Spa 1000Km.

Originally built at MG's Abingdon factory in 1970 as a right-hand-drive UK car, this particular MGB was advertised for sale in 2007 in need of a complete restoration. Its new owner duly rebuilt it to standard specification using a new Heritage bodyshell before selling it in 2008, and the car's next custodian converted it into a 'Sebring' replica.

That work involved fitting Sebring-style front and rear valances, and modifying the engine to include twin Weber 45 DCOE carburetors and an aluminium cylinder head. The wire wheels were replaced with Minilites, too.

The MGB was then sold in June 2010 to a Wiltshire-based enthusiast, who fitted a works-replica hardtop, and in 2014 it passed to another owner who has been described as being a 'fastidious tinkerer'. He carried out further fine-tuning work in order to evoke the 1964-65 competition cars, and when the MGB was put onto the Circuit Motors rolling road at Castle Combe, its power output was recorded as being 123bhp.

By the time the car was sold again a couple of years later, the suspension had been upgraded with Polybushes and Gaz telescopic dampers at the rear, while a reconditioned propshaft and a 0.75in anti-roll bar had been installed. The four-speed gearbox had been fitted with overdrive, the brakes upgraded with grooved and drilled front discs, and Pertronix electronic ignition, a Kenlowe fan and an oil cooler had all been added.

Its new owner enthusiastically campaigned the MGB on events such as the HERO Challenge and Summer Trial, the Ilkley Jubilee Rally, the Coppa d'Europa, the HRCR Classic 35, the Three Legs of Mann, and the Dansport Historic Rally.

When the car was acquired by its latest owner in 2022, it was entrusted to RPS for a range of work to be carried out. It has recently been fitted with an uprated clutch kit with roller thrust bearing, plus a new flywheel, and the engine now features a single Weber carburettor.

Inside, it has been fully kitted-out for rally use and features a rollcage, fire extinguisher, Ridgard bucket seats, RSA harnesses, digital stopwatch and a Brantz tripmeter.

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Now being offered for sale, this MGB has been meticulously cared for and is presented in superb 'ready to use' condition. A versatile, reliable, accessible and competitive choice of historic rally car, it comes with an extensive history file that includes a wealth of recent invoices and receipts, a FIVA identity card and a photographic record of its 2008 restoration.

All viewings welcomed by appointment only at Rally Preparation Services.

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SPECIFICATIONS:

- Works replica-replica hardtop Four-barrel Holley carburettor
- Weber DCOE carburettor
- Electric fuel pump
- Upgraded cooling system
- LCB type exhaust manifold and competition exhaust
- 4 Speed gearbox with overdrive
- LSD
- Knock-off hubs with 14" Minator alloys
- Winter tyres fitted
- Mudflaps to rear
- Rear roll cage
- Ridgard Competition seats
- Four point RSA harnesses
- Hand held fire extinguisher
- Brantz trip meter
- LED Stopwatch's
- Map light
- Auxiliary power sockets
- Battery Kill Switch
- Safety hammer
- Reversing lamp
- PIAA driving lamps
- Sump guard
- Tank Guard