

My Little Red Sports Car

DSL 591

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Chassis number TC8233

Engine number XPAG8822

This '49 TC was originally built for the home market. Its early years and first owner are a mystery unfortunately. The car was shortly exported to US where it remained until 1989. The TC was re imported to UK and at that point the TC was bought by Michael Card, who embarked on a full restoration with the aid of Steve Baker (renowned T type specialist) to what he referred to as "Factory Original" specification.

Upon completion the car was entered into the MGOC annual concourse at Silverstone where it was awarded a second place.

Michael kept hold of the car in storage as he had other cars he was working on until I bought it from him about 3 years ago.

When I bought the car it had been fully restored for what amounted to 20 years and as such needed a bit of love and affection.

My first job was to make a new hood, side screen, toneau cover and matching tool rolls. I obtained fabric etc. from Martrim in Cheshire and set about sewing up the required items. The matching tool rolls were made and a full compliment of original tools were bought and restored.

I have worked on this car virtually every day since purchase as it has become a labour of love. One of me recent additions

is a picnic hamper that was woven to size for me in Lithuania then I endeavoured to make the internal items and strapping etc. The plates I have specially done by a colleague who does sublimation printing amongst other things. Quite a few items have been added to the "Factory Correct" specification but I have kept all the original items with the car for any future custodian.

This car has been featured on the front cover and inside Classic & Sports Car July 2009 and MG Enthusiast December 2001. Also an article in Classic MG (North America) April 2021 and featured in an recent MG book, The MG Story 1923-1980 by Malcolm Green





