



## Lot 59

## MG B GT V8

**A**lthough less than 2600 examples of the V8 engined MGB GT were to be built, the big Rover engine provided the GT with a hearty performance that has ensured the cars popularity. This car was the tenth V8 to have been built, and was used by B.L. Cars Ltd. as one of their Press demonstrators. Bought by the present owner in 1980 (having had two previous private owners) the car was the subject of a ground up restoration by Geoff Allen (ex MG factory service Manager in the Rectifications Dept. with responsibility for the V8, and now the V8 historian for the MG club).

The restoration was exhaustive; replacement panels where necessary with the original floorpan undersealed and Waxoyled. The pristine paintwork is black tulip in colour, and the brightwork is all good. Mechanically the engine was stripped down, rebored and reground and new components fitted as necessary, now having covered 19500 miles in the last 8 years (with an oil change every 2000 miles).

As ascertained by the aforementioned Geoff Allen, the gearbox is probably original (the MG factory 'blue-printed' the 'boxes on their demonstrators) and should therefore not require attention for a higher mileage than normal.

A new steering rack and front cross member are fitted, new brake discs and drums in '83, new radiator in '85, new distributor, stainless exhaust and so forth; there is a fully documented log and diary, including photographs of the restoration.

The standard B.L. seats are yellow ochre nylon with matching colour and pattern carpets and trim. The mileage was not reset and is likely to be 218775 in all. The car has a brown Webasto period sunroof and period Radiomobile car radio, and sits on V8 Dunlop roadwheels with new tyres.

**Motor Sport** magazine road tested this actual car in October 1973 commenting that it proved capable of a true 130mph and as a standard production Q-car, it reigns supreme - certainly an accolade difficult to better.

*Estimate: £9,000 - £11,000*

Year of Manufacture: 1973	Registration Number: HOH 932L
Chassis Number : GD2D1120G	Engine Capacity : 3528cc
Engine Number : 48600012A	Number of Cylinders: 8