



V8



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Pricewatch auction report

Keith Belcher reports it is rare to see four MGBV8s at one auction, but at the Silverstone Race Retro Classic and Competition Car Sale in February 2023 there were three Factory MGBGTV8s and one MGRV8 up for auction. The sale was very well attended with deep pocketed bidders buying Emma Peel's Lotus Elan, Peter Seller's Elan, the Duke of Edinburgh's Land Rover and Rowan Atkinson's Lancia Integrale, all at high prices. Also, a low mileage Ford Sierra Cosworth RS500 achieved a world record price.

A classic car dealer friend of mine, with 40 plus years' experience, was selling a high-priced car at the sale and he agreed to look over the lots for me. I watched the whole auction live online. I will paraphrase his report.

"The first Tahiti Blue rubber bumper Factory V8 was well presented but had a roll cage with other track day additions. This can worry bidders who might feel the car has been thrashed on the track. It failed to sell with few



bidders, hammered at £14,500 (£16,675 including a 12.5% premium & VAT). The second Damask Red rubber bumper Factory V8 was an older restoration but recently refinished car with low miles, from long term ownership. Again, well presented, I was surprised this had few bids and hammered sold at £20,000 (£23,000). The third a Glacier White chrome bumper Factory V8 had a Heritage shell and was very shiny and appealed to more bidders, selling at £24,000 (£27,600). Finally, the Woodcote RV8 was a sensible low mileage car presented in very original appearance,

selling at a good hammer price of £25,000 (£28,750).

There was an excellent, broad selection of quality cars, with most selling at respectable prices considering the current financial climate. I am still of the opinion that originality, patina and history remain the strongest selling points."

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