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What's on sale, privately and from the trade: every month we check out four cars you can buy



MG YA

Year of manufacture 1948 **Recorded mileage** (1)08,283
Asking price £5750 **Vendor** Pioneer Automobiles, Peasmore, Berks;
 tel: 07768 630969; www.pioneer-automobiles.co.uk

WHEN IT WAS NEW

Price £671 **11s** **Max power** 46bhp **Max torque** 59lb ft
0-60mph 27 secs **Top speed** 71mph **Mpg** 30

The Y-type – derived from the Morris Eight – has refinements such as coil-spring independent front suspension and rack-and-pinion steering. It's a small but comfortable car, especially in the back where you feel cocooned in leather-clad luxury. The interior is one of the greatest assets of this example, delivered new by William Robb's Kirkcaldy Garage in Scotland on 29 December '48. It spent most of its life in Scotland and the history file contains fascinating snippets from its past, including notes from 1956 (31,073 miles) to 1971 when the 1250cc engine was reconditioned at 101,839. It was off the road from 1983-'99 for a rebuild, including new sills, running boards, boot floor and inner wings, plus renewal of front suspension joints, shock absorbers, steering and brakes. A new headlining was fitted, but otherwise the interior remains charmingly original. Extras include a heater, period screenwash and fog lights. On the road the MG is lively and (provided you fit) easy to drive. With opening screen and sunroof, there's plentiful ventilation. The brakes pull unpredictably to left or right, due to lack of use. The gearchange is lovely and the car rides well on new tyres. Perfect underneath, it's less good on top where the paint is average, but T-cutting might restore its lustre. The bumpers have lost their chrome and been painted: quality rechroming would lift the car's appearance.



SUMMARY

INTERIOR

- Super unspoilt patina
- Tears in driver's seat and door trim

EXTERIOR

- Absolutely straight; no rust
- Paintwork poor; chroming needed

MECHANICALS

- Very good engine and gearbox
- Brakes below par

VALUE FOR MONEY ★★☆☆☆

FOR Lovely original car, clearly cherished throughout its 58 years

AGAINST Paint and some of the chromework are not great

SHOULD I BUY IT?

A usable classic that would respond well to some loving care



TVR V8S

Year of manufacture 1992 **Recorded mileage** 44,607
Asking price £9995 **Vendor** Classic Marques, Stoke Ferry, Norfolk;
 tel: 07880 527132; www.classic-marques.co.uk

WHEN IT WAS NEW

Price £23,595 **Max power** 240bhp **Max torque** 275lb ft
0-60mph 5.2 secs **Top speed** 146mph **Mpg** 20

TVR only built 400 examples of its muscular V8S, and few have survived as well as this one. Something of a departure from Classic Marques' usual stock, it's not hard to see why it was hard to resist. A fully documented history back to the original purchase invoice confirms the mileage and proper care from TVR specialists. The list of just four previous owners isn't bad for a TVR either, and it has a clear HPI check. The MoT lasts until November. Condition-wise, you'll search in vain for something to criticise. Panel-fit is right, the metallic Black Cherry paint is an even shade all over, and there's not even evidence of touching-in on the vulnerable nose. The car stood for a year before Classic Marques acquired it, due to a significant speeding indiscretion, but a full service and fuel pump relay got it happily recommissioned. Sadly, mould had discoloured the carpets and dash veneer, so they have been replaced. The grey leather has cleaned up a treat. The 4-litre fuel-injected Rover V8 starts instantly and puffs a little smoke from the raucous sports exhaust pipes, but this quickly clears. It pulls with the sort of urgency that makes you respect wet roads and everything feels as it should at this mileage. In the world of TVRs that means hard and uncompromising, though far from unpleasant. The positive gearshift and strong brakes inspire confidence; all this car needs is a driver (with a licence).



SUMMARY

INTERIOR

- Leather good; carpets new
- Flaky chrome on steering wheel

EXTERIOR

- Body and paint are spot-on
- Chimaera wheels look the part

MECHANICALS

- Everything feels right

VALUE FOR MONEY ★★★★★

FOR Low mileage, history back to day one, and few cars make a better sound than this

AGAINST Engine bay could do with a bit of detailing

SHOULD I BUY IT?

Everything's right about this car... including the price



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1925 RENAULT O.S. ESTATE BUS, early people carrier takes 8 or small cow, fully restored and different. £8,950



1939 AUSTIN 12/4 TAXI, with landaulette rear and occasional seats, fitted meter and tariff plaque, Parisienne history. £12,750



1966 VANDEN PLAS PRINCESS R, 4 litre in very nice order, fitted sunroof, leather trim, drives well. £4,250



1931 WOLSELEY HORNET, 4 seater sports by Abbey Coachworks, older restoration, little used since owner's demise. £16,950



1973 M.G.B.G.T.V.S, 1 family owner, dry stored since 1981, re-commissioned and much better than it looks. £4,950



1942 FORD JEEP rare right hand drive model, restored with original body, U.S. markings, tools, etc £11,750



1948 M.G.Y.A., highly useable family car with sporting background. Very good mechanically, paint a little dull. £5,750



1964 M.G.B. ROADSTER, early example, fully restored, with wires and overdrive, ready to use and enjoy £7,750



1964 JAGUAR 3.8 Mk2, manual with overdrive, wires, good history incl. photographed rebuild. £17,950



1969 JAGUAR E TYPE 2+2, automatic in b.r.g., green leather, sunroof, unmolested and rather nice. £15,750



1946 SINGER NINE, 4 seat roadster, carefully restored and for sale only to owner's ill health. Bright and beautiful £8,950



1972 ROVER 3500S, Autogas conversion, p.a.s., leather trim, alloys, a rather special example just rolling road tuned. £5,750

Meanwhile, on an earlier page, here is the advert for the car in the article!

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