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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

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

YOU COULD INSURE THIS CAR TODAY FOR JUST £72. CALL 01277 206911 NOW! Outation based on a 26-year-old London-based driver with full no claims bonus



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

Leather good; carpets new
 Flaky chrome on steering wheel

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

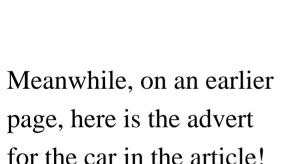
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