

John Crowther since 1972  
Bellairs Park, North Riding, Gauteng  
1954 Austin-Healey 100

The car was bought in 1972 for £310 from a small garage in Cheshire and used as the family transport for two years. The external non-structural sills needed replacing and the car was resprayed at the same time.

The original colour was Ivory but after numerous attempts to match the colour the car was resprayed maroon.

After this the car was only used on 'nice' days; a mundane but reliable Mk 1 Ford Cortina became daily transport.

The car was export to SA in 1981.

The engine has been rebuilt twice since, in both cases due to piston failure. Apart from a gearbox overhaul when a few teeth departed the third gear pinion and lay gear the car had been remarkably reliable and is still a delightful vehicle to drive (but not in inclement weather when passengers tend to get a trifle damp).

Since retirement I use the car several times a week for local journeys and often attend longer club outings.

The car is absolutely original except for the original Smith's poor 'fug stirrer' heater (now restored) which is replaced by a modified VW Passat model.

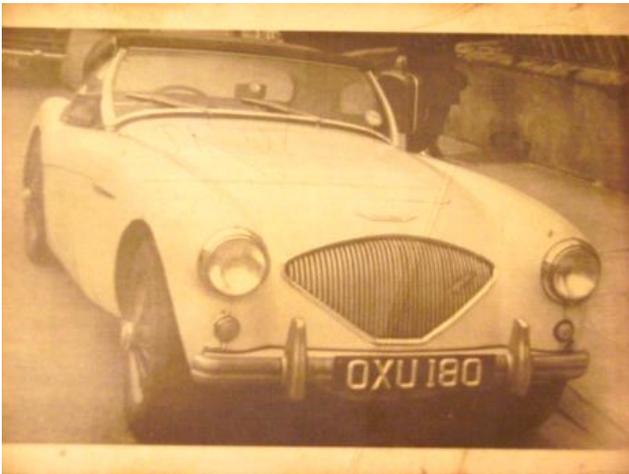


Figure 1 original condition Bristol 1972



Figure 1 rear view 1972



Figure 3 September 2011



Figure 2 January 2009

The original specification claims a 0-60mph time of 10.3 seconds and a top speed of 103mph. although with the windscreen lowered this rises to 108mph.



Figure 5 2660cc engine (oil cap still on bench!)



