

The Magic Maestro



This was the feature car at the May Monthly General Meeting . . . then-owner John Illingworth provided this detail and spoke about the car at the meeting, after which it was snapped up very quickly by Dick Manning.

This lovely Flame Red Maestro Turbo was originally purchased by the then President of the MG Car Club of Queensland, who imported it into Australia and registered it for road use. The car was maintained in concours condition and attended many 'shows'. The Maestro was then purchased by an MG Car Club member in Melbourne, where it was again road registered, before being stripped and a roll cage installed for circuit racing. Due to a change in personal circumstances, the Maestro was offered for sale and was purchased by MGCC SA member John Illingworth.

John undertook some lengthy enquiries and believes that this is the only Maestro Turbo in the country. In speaking with fellow MGCC SA member Dick Manning, it was decided that Dick would purchase the Turbo and return it to a road going vehicle. A Moonraker Blue 2.0 EFI MG Maestro was purchased from another SA Club member and work started to retro-fit the interior and other original parts.

The MG Maestro Turbo was officially announced on Tuesday, 18 October 1988 at a sale price of £12,999.

Data from vehicle licensing statistics published by the Department for Transport and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency in the UK shows there were only 23 MG Maestro Turbo vehicles registered in the United Kingdom in 2022.

