

mg midget





**MG MIDGET.
WAVES OF EXCITEMENT
AT A PRICE THAT'S A BREEZE.**

If you're looking to get more driving excitement for your dollar, start looking at an MG Midget. Very simply, there is no other true sports car sold in America that costs less than a Midget.

And this authentic, race-bred sports car comes with a lot more than a low sticker price. It's equipped with features like a track-perfected suspension system and the sharp handling you get only with rack and pinion steering. It also has a strong but economical 1500cc engine and the quick, dependable stopping power of front disc brakes.

And with the sports car performance comes a bonus of thrift. The Midget gives you an EPA-estimated 34 miles on the highway, 23 in the city. Of course, your actual mileage may vary depending on how and where you drive and how the car is equipped. (Mileage may be lower in California).

Driving an MG Midget means plenty of clear-sailing fun at a price that's gentle as a breeze.







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**MG MIDGET.
THE FUN STARTS
AS SOON AS YOU GET IN.**

MG Midget gives you more than a car that's great looking on the outside. Because the Midget's cockpit includes the luxury of bucket seats, rake-adjustable and covered in soft vinyl. The instrument panel is all pure function: the tachometer, oil pressure and water temperature gauges are all in black with high contrast white numerals. And the four-speed, all synchromesh transmission makes for smooth sailing while shifting gears. And all that fun fits neatly under the convertible top of America's lowest-priced true sports car. The MG Midget.



Under the hood of the MG Midget lies a powerful yet thrifty 1500cc overhead-valve four-cylinder engine.



The optional tonneau makes a quick cover up.



Inside, the Midget is loaded with eye-catching features, especially when you order the optional AM/FM radio. You view the easy-to-read instrument panel through the Midget's steering wheel. And when you turn that wheel, you will discover that it responds instantly with a ratio of 2.25 turns lock-to-lock. The short-throw, four-speed stick shift is fully-synchronized. The whole cockpit is designed to enhance your performance as a driver.

The Midget's trunk is illuminated, and always ready to keep your valuables under lock and key.



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Outside, the Midget's ready to go when you are, with a handsome, optional luggage rack.



Mag-style sports wheels come standard with optional trim rings.



The tight-fitting convertible roof keeps the Midget ship-shape, even in foul weather.

MG MIDGET SPECIFICATIONS—1979

ENGINE:

4-cylinder, in-line overhead valve • 3-bearing counter-balanced crankshaft • Exhaust and evaporative emission control • Catalytic converter • Compression Ratio: 7.5:1 • Bore: 2.9 in. (73.7 mm) • Stroke: 3.44 in. (87.5 mm) • Displacement: 91 cu in. (1493cc) • Carburetion: Zenith Stromberg 150 CD4T • Automatic choke • Fuel Pump: AC Delco mechanical • Fuel Tank Capacity: 7.5 U.S. gallons (unleaded).

DRIVE TRAIN:

Transmission: Manual four-speed with synchromesh on all forward gears • Clutch: Diaphragm type, 7.25-in. diameter plate, hydraulically operated • Final Drive: Hypoid bevel gears, crown wheel and pinion three quarter floating, universal joints • Gear Ratios: Rear Axle Ratio 3.72:1; Reverse 4:1; First 3.4:1; Second 2.1:1; Third 1.4:1; Fourth 1:1.

STEERING:

Direct rack and pinion • Steering Wheel: 15-in. diameter, four spoke with padded rim • Turns—lock to lock: 2.25 • Turning Circle: 32.12 ft.

SUSPENSION:

Front: Independent with coil springs, wishbone links, and lever-type shock absorbers; anti-sway bar • Rear: Tube axle with semi-elliptic leaf springs and lever-type shock absorbers.

BRAKES:

Dual circuit hydraulic • Front: 8.25-in. diameter self-adjusting disc brakes • Rear: 7-in. diameter drum brakes.

ROAD WHEELS:

Rostyle wheels, 13-in. diameter, fitted with 145SR x 13 radial-ply tires.

ELECTRICAL:

Negative ground, 12-volt system • Battery Rating: 50 amps at 20-hour rate • Alternator: 34 amps.

INSTRUMENTS AND CONTROLS:

Speedometer with trip odometer • Electric tachometer • Water temperature and fuel gauges • Warning lights for vehicle status and vital functions • Multi-purpose lever on left side of steering column controls headlights, low beam/high beam/flasher, directionals and horn; right-side lever controls electric windshield washer and two-speed wipers • Heater/defroster with high-speed blower.

BODY:

2-door, steel unitary construction • Waterproof folding top • Interior

hood release with self-locking support stay • Locking trunk with automatic lid support; trunk light • Laminated safety glass windshield • Roll-up windows with opening quarter windows • Full-width polyurethane bumpers—front and rear.

INTERIOR:

Individual bucket seats trimmed in knit-back expanded vinyl, rake-adjusting with adjustable head restraints • Safety 3-point seat belts • Cigarette lighter and ashtray • Lockable glove box • Fitted carpeting throughout with rubber floor inserts.

INTERIOR DIMENSIONS:

Front Seat Headroom: 35.5 in. • Front Seat Legroom (maximum): 44.5 in. • Front Seat Shoulder Width: 45 in. • Trunk Capacity (gross): 7.1 cu ft.

MAIN DIMENSIONS:

Wheelbase: 80 in. • Overall Height (top up): 48.25 in. • Overall Width: 55.56 in. • Overall Length: 143 in. • Track at Front: 46.56 in. • Track at Rear: 45 in. • Ground Clearance: 3.25 in. • Curb Weight: 1849 lbs.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

Solid-state AM/FM radio • Tonneau cover • Whitewall radial-ply tires • Center-lock wire wheels • Wheel trim rings (Rostyle wheels only) • Luggage rack, cover with spyder • Rubber floor mats • Door edge guards • Optional Competition Equipment: parts and preparation manuals; British Leyland Competition Department (East), 600 Willow Tree Road, Leonia, New Jersey 07605, or (West), P.O. Box 459, Brisbane, California 94005.

COLORS—EXTERIOR/INTERIOR:

Brooklands Green/Beige, Carmine Red/Beige, Inca Yellow/Black, Leyland White/Black, Pageant Blue/Beige, Russet Brown/Beige, Vermillion Red/Black.

THE MG MIDGET CONFORMS TO U.S. FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY AND AIR POLLUTION STANDARDS APPLICABLE AT ITS DATE OF MANUFACTURE.

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