

1961 Morris Minor 1000

By the mid 1950's the Morris Minor was a well established and respected small, family sized car. However, the one thing it lacked was a sufficiently powerful engine. In 1956 Morris Minor fans got the car they had been waiting for, the Morris 1000, now powered by an improved A-series engine of 948cc.



Other improvements included a larger rear window on the Saloons and a new one-piece front windscreen. The model was an immediate success and by 1961 Morris Minor 1000 production had passed the magic 1,000,000 level. To mark the occasion a limited run of 350 (one for each UK dealer) lilac-coloured Minor 1000's were built.

Today, the Morris Minor 1000 is amongst the most popular of the classic family sized cars in the old vehicle fraternity and they still continue to gain additional admirers. The enduring affection for the "Moggie" (or "Morrie" in Australia) is reflected in the number of rebuilt and improved Morris Minors currently running in the United Kingdom. Improvements incorporated in rebuilt vehicles, which were brought about by increases in traffic densities and new legislation since volume production ended in 1971, included the replacement of the "original equipment" Drum Brakes with Disc Brakes.

The Morris Minor in the BK Museum was acquired in 1993. An intensive rebuild project, which included the fitting of a 1300cc engine, a Toyota 5-speed all-synchro gearbox, together with disc brakes and servo, was completed in 1995.