

Triumph TR2

The first Triumph TR2 was introduced in 1953 and incorporated the well-proven Standard Vanguard S4 OHV engine with a twin SU carburetor which produced around 90 bhp. Production continued until 1955 when total output reached 8,628 vehicles. According to an announcement from the DVLA, only 517 roadworthy TR2s remained on UK roads in 2002.



The TR2 proved very popular with both the motoring press and the general public and became the forerunner of a range of sports cars that evolved over many years.

The body was mounted on a separate and substantial chassis with coil-sprung suspension at the front and a leaf sprung live rear axle. Standard transmission consisted of a four-speed manual gearbox whilst overdrive was available as an option. Lockheed drum brakes were fitted all round. Buyers could choose between wire or disc wheels.

A model tested by *The Motor* magazine staff in 1954 reached a top speed of 107.3 mph and attained a fuel consumption level of 34.5 miles per gallon.

The TR2 in the BK Museum was acquired in its current condition in 2007.