

# 1934 MG K3 MAGNETTE TWO-SEATER 'POINTED TAIL'

The 1934 MG K3 Magnette was never meant to be ordinary. Built at MG's Abingdon factory during the golden age of motor racing, this sleek 'Pointed Tail' two-seater was created to challenge Europe's finest racing machines on the toughest roads and circuits.

Although elegant, with flowing mudguards, a narrow cockpit and dramatic tail, this bodywork concealed the heart of a true competition car. Its engine displaced only 1.1 litres, yet thanks to a supercharger it produced an astonishing 124 horsepower – enough to make the tiny machine a giant-killer. The example here, chassis K3020, was one of three official MG factory team cars prepared for the 1934 season under the supervision of Captain George Eyston, a celebrated land speed record holder.

K3020 quickly proved itself in competition. On its debut at Brooklands in the 1934 International Trophy race, and driven by Clifton Penn-Hughes, it finished fifth in class against far more powerful rivals. Soon after, Charlie Dodson drove the car to second place in the prestigious Mannin Beg race on the Isle of Man, where MGs dominated the field, taking six of the top seven positions.

Later that summer, Tommy Wisdom and Bill Everitt piloted K3020 to fourth overall and second in class in the gruelling Brooklands 500 Miles race, a remarkable feat of tenacious endurance. The car also competed internationally, including at the Masaryk Grand Prix in Czechoslovakia, driven by future Grand Prix star Richard Seaman.

Nearly a century later, K3020 still captures the fearless spirit of pre-war motor racing. Can you see yourself at the wheel? It will be offered for sale at RM Sotheby's Woodcote Park auction, alongside the Club Concours, on 8 July.

## Brief Technical Specification

Engine: in-line four-cylinder, 1087 cc

Top speed: 110 mph approx

Maximum power: 124 bhp

Price when new: £675 chassis only

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