

# EARLS COURT MOTOR SHOW

LONDON 1955

## AFTER 58 YEARS WE'RE REWRITING HISTORY

This is your opportunity to own the  
1955 Earls Court Motor Show BN2

**S**ince its launch in 1952, the Austin Healey 100 BN1 had sold over 10,000 units. Gerry Coker's fabulous design had caught the imagination of sportscar enthusiasts everywhere.

In 1955 the latest BN2 model would include a new 4 speed overdrive gearbox, stronger axle design and art deco paint colours influenced by fashion and architecture.

Launching a new model at the prestigious International Motor Show at London's Earls Court guaranteed the attention of the world's motoring press, and to make doubly sure BMC's 1955 show cars were painted Florida Green and Pink!

The public were equally impressed and our Florida Green show car, was sold directly from the stand to a Lieutenant Colonel, subsequently registered TAC 787 on the 10th November at Warwick by the Donald Healey Motor Co. The first owner ran the car from his Woking home until January 1963 when it was purchased by Mr. Wayland from Sussex, having covered 45,000 miles.

Original service history lists a new clutch, oil changes, brake servicing and a repaint (in its original colours). Two years and 10,000 miles later, the car moved to Woking, then Kent and eventually ending up in Luton where, in 1983 it was noticed by respected Healey restorer Keith Boyer, who purchased the car. Several years later and still in 'barn-find' condition, Cape purchased the car with 91,300 miles showing.

Having restored AHX11, the 1953 Turin Motor Show BN1, Cape recognised similarities in the preparation of

these show cars - finding the word 'Show' penciled on the cockpit trims proved beyond doubt its hand-built preparation.

The Heritage Certificate states that this was the very first Florida Green Austin Healey. The matching interior was a 'show only' feature with production models being trimmed in black.

Retaining its original registration, V5C, chassis plate 228607 and body tag 10637, the car can be purchased in perfect time for the 2014 season.



*Leopard sold separately.*



Cape's other show car restoration is owned and displayed by the Healey Museum in Holland so you can be assured of the meticulous attention to detail and accuracy that supports Cape's reputation for quality restorations to the highest level.

Our file contains pictures showing the car on the stand at Earls Court and more recently, every stage of its meticulous restoration.

**TO OWN THIS UNIQUE HISTORICAL AUSTIN HEALEY  
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