The Austin Mini

The fabulous Mini—the car with the world-famous name—is now better than ever! There's a distinctive new radiator grille and surround, restyled, bigger stop/tail/flasher lamp units and a potent, new 998 c.c. power unit, giving better acceleration, higher top speed, and greater all-round performance. Then there's the well-proven front-wheel drive with its fantastic road-holding qualities—particularly in bad weather. Not forgetting its big car ride and its smoothness and lateral stability on corners. A reduced turning circle, more convenient controls, and wider rear window are among many other improvements that make the Mini the greatest yet.

SPECIFICATIONS

Engine: Four cylinders, overhead valves with push-rod and rocker operation. Bore 64.58 mm. (2.543 in.), stroke 76.2 mm. (3.0 in), cubic capacity 998 c.c. (60.96 cu. in.). B.h.p. 38 at 5,250 r.p.m. Maximum torque 52 lb./ft. at 2,700 r.p.m. Compression ratio 8.3:1. Full-flow renewable-element external oil filter.

Fuel System: S.U. carburetor; electrical fuel pump; air cleaner; tank capacity 5½ gallons (25 litres).

Lubrication System: Full pressure. Sump forms oil bath for gearbox and final drive; internal gear-type pump driven by camshaft; full-flow oil filter.

Ignition System: 12-volt coil, and distributor with automatic and vacuum control.

Cooling System: Pressurized radiator with pump, fan, and thermostat; capacity approximately 5¼ pints (3 litres), plus 1 pint (0.57 litre) for heater when fitted.

Transmission: Diaphragm spring clutch, 7½ in. (0.18 m.) diameter, hydraulic operation by pendent pedal. Gearbox, four speeds, all synchro-mesh; central floor remote gear change lever. Final drive to front wheels by open shafts with universal joints.

Steering: Rack and pinion: 2.72 turns lock to lock: two-spoke 15% in. (0.40 m.) diameter steering-wheel. Turning circle 28 ft. (8.53 m.).

Suspension: Front: (includes final drive)—Independent with levers of unequal length. Swivel axles mounted on ball joints. Rear: Independent trailing tubular levers.

Brakes: All four wheels hydraulically operated by pendent pedal with two-leading shoes at front. 7 in. diameter x 1½ in. wide front; 7 in. diameter x 1¼ in. wide rear.—Central pull-up hand brake lever which operates on rear wheels.

Road Wheels: Pressed steel, four-stud fixing; 5.20-10 tubeless tyres.

Electrical: Heavy duty battery, high output alternator. Double-dipping headlights; rear lights, stop lights, reflectors and flashers are all combined in single units; rear number-plate illuminating lamp; separate front amber flashers; twin-blade self parking electric windshield wipers; single high-frequency horn. Interior lamp fitted in roof also acts as courtesy lamp.

Dimensions: Front seat cushion to roof 3 ft. 1½ in. Rear seat cushion to roof 2 ft. 10½ in. Front cushion depth 1 ft. 6 in. Rear cushion depth 1 ft. 5 in. Front squab height 1 ft. 7 in. Rear squab height 1 ft. 8 in. Height of front cushion 1 ft. 1½ in. Height of rear cushion 1 ft. 1 in. Back of front squab to front of rear cushion: max. 11½ in. min. 7½ in. Steering-wheel to front squab: max. 1 ft. 4¾ in. min. 1 ft. 0¾ in. Steering-wheel to cushion 6½ in. Leg room—front: max. 3 ft. 7½ in. min. 3 ft. 5 in. Leg room—rear: max. 3 ft. 8½ in. min. 3 ft. 2¾ in. Trunk height: max. 1 ft. 4 in. Trunk depth: max. 1 ft. 7¼ in. Trunk width: max. 3 ft. 2 in. Width of front bucket seat 1 ft. 8 in. Overall width of front seats 3 ft. 7½ in. Width of rear cushion 3 ft. 5 in. Max. front seat width at cushion level 3 ft. 9½ in. Max. rear seat width at cushion level 3 ft. 5 in. Width over front seat at shoulder height 3 ft. 10 in. Width over rear seat at shoulder height 3 ft. 8½ in. Wheelbase 6 ft. 8 5/32 in. Overall height 4 ft. 5 in. Overall width 4 ft. 7½ in. Overall length 10 ft. 0½ in. Door entry width 2 ft. 8 in. Kerbside weight (approx.) 1410 lb. Ground clearance 6 5/32 in.

The Austin Mini conforms to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards at the date of manufacture.

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