

MGA facts

MGA 1500 Roadster



Produced: May 1955 to May 1959

Number built: 52,478

Engine type: BMC B-series 1489cc

Features: The smooth flowing lines and simple interior trim set the standard for the MGA throughout its production life. White indicator lamps at the front, red at the rear.

MGA 1500 Coupe



Produced: September 1956 to May 1959

Number built: 6,272

Engine type: BMC B-series 1489cc

Features: A more luxurious interior trim than the roadster and several distinctive colour options.

MGA 1600 Mk I Roadster



Produced: May 1959 to March 1961

Number built: 28,660

Engine type: BMC B-series 1588cc

Features: Front Lockheed disc brakes, yellow flashing direction lamps and new colour options. "1600" badges on the body and boot.

MGA 1600 Mk I Coupe



Produced: May 1959 to March 1961

Number built: 2,759

Engine type: BMC B-series 1588cc

Features: As 1600 Roadster, plus more luggage space behind the seats.

MGA 1600 Mk II Roadster



Produced: March 1961 to May 1962

Number built: 7,908

Engine type: BMC B-series 1622cc

Features: Redesigned radiator grille and rear lamp clusters. "1600 Mk II" badges on the body and boot.

MGA 1600 Mk II Coupe



Produced: March 1961 to May 1962

Number built: 498

Engine type: BMC B-series 1622cc

Features: As the 1600 Mk II Roadster

MGA Twin Cam Roadster



Produced: April 1958 to May 1960

Number built: 1,788

Engine type: Special development by Morris

Engines based on the 1588cc B-series. Alloy cylinder head with twin overhead camshafts driven by a duplex chain.

Features: Dunlop centre lock wheels with all round Dunlop disc brakes. "Twin Cam" badges on the body and boot. Improved trim with de luxe seats and vynide covered fascia. Paint colours and indicator lamps can be either 1500 or 1600 style depending on the date of manufacture.

MGA Twin Cam Coupe



Produced: April 1958 to May 1960

Number built: 323

Engine type: See Twin Cam Roadster

Features: See Twin Cam Roadster.

MGA De Luxe variants



Production period: Mk I from April 1960 to March 1961. Mk II from March 1961 to May 1962.

Numbers built: Mk I Roadsters 70, Coupes 12.

Engine type: BMC B-series 1588 or 1622.

Features: Cars were built in limited numbers following the withdrawal of the Twin Cam in May 1960. Chassis, wheels, brakes and trim are identical to the Twin Cam.