

The fabulous **1951 MGTD Mk2** with a Royal connection

The early MG's were built as a very basic automobile to be driven and maintained by their owners. Many of these owners entered their cars into rallies, hill climbs and races. Soon after the first TD's were built, enthusiasts complained that they were not competitive with other cars in it's class.

The cry for more power promoted Abington to produce the Mark II. Although the appearance remained the same, the engine compression ratio was raised to 8 to 1, all ports and combination chambers were polished with larger inlet and exhaust valves fitted along with heavier valve springs and an upgraded camshaft. Higher capacity Lucas ignition equipment, an extra fuel pump and added shock absorbers were standard on the Mark II models. All of this, increased the weight to 2015 pounds and the horsepower to 60 at 5000 rpm with a maximum speed of about 85mph.

In 1951 there were only eleven Right Hand Drive Mark II's built and all exported. This is one of the eleven. We are currently unsure of how many of these MkII's survive as they are so rare.

The car was sold to Rothmans International, exported to Canada and displayed in their Craven Foundation Car Collection.

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"Prince Andrew" having a go. At rear of car is his body guard and at the side is Frank Francis, manager of The Craven M Car Collection. Prince Andrew was enrolled at Lakefield College north-east of Toronto. Circa 1973.



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