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1957 Triumph TR3

I bought the car because it's a historical sidescreen, and I felt it needed to be restored. It is according to the registrar of the TR Register U.K. the oldest recorded disc-braked TR3. It is the 3rd. disc-braked car produced by Standard Motors Coventry. The first TS13046, was built and given to the press for evaluation, (I still have the report written by THE MOTOR). It was then driven by 2 ladies in a rally and was destroyed in an accident and scrapped by the factory. The second TS 13047 and third TS13048 were shipped as CKD cars to Motor Assemblies in Durban, (today, Toyota S.A. Manufacturing), who assembled and sold my car in January 1957. I have an official build certificate from Toyota Manufacturing, confirming the build date. TS13047 has never come to light here, so is presumed to have been scrapped. When I bought the car, it had a gallon of body filler hiding the rust. It is my 13th side-screen rebuild, all of which were panel beaten and welded by my very good friend John Giles. He has repaired 32 TR's, recently for Cliff Turnbull, Gary Booyens, Rodney Keyser, Gert Botes. He cut all the 9 x body components of my car apart, straightened them and then welded them back together on new inner and outer sills, floor pans and boot floor pan. He used the chassis as a jig. I took two weeks leave and we worked together for 2 weeks, 12 hours per day, at my home. I build all the engines myself, and all the other components. The trim was done by a trimmer Gert who lives in Springs near Harry Fairley. I do not think that I will want to do another, who knows?



