

Brief history - Ken Watts' 1964 Vogue Sports

I purchased my Vogue Sports in 1985 for \$1000 from the original owner who had bought it new from the local Launceston Rootes Group Dealer / Tasmanian Distributor - D L Hollis Motors, where she had been used for a brief time as a demonstration model.

It took a while to get, as the previous owner, Mr Ray Sutton, wasn't willing to sell until he had retired from work. He kept his word and sold me the Vogue on retirement, when he bought himself a new Toyota Celica. Ray is now deceased but I took the Vogue back to visit him a number of times before he passed away, on which he would always come out and give her a pat and say "Hello old girl, you still look pretty good. Glad you are being looked after"

Mileage when bought was 110 000 and is now 150 000. The lime green/moonstone paintwork is about 90% factory original and interior is in excellent original condition. Mechanically the motor and gearbox have been rebuilt and suspension has also been renewed. Radial tyres are fitted as is a Holley 180 two barrel carburettor.



One of about 1200 Sports models to be built , this one is number 86 off the production line and one of four known to still exist in Tasmania.

She shares garage space with 4 Morris Minors, a VW Beetle 1200, Rover P4 100 and a 1965 Hillman Minx series 5A. and is used for the occasional run to work, weekend run or display.

I had previously owned a standard Mk 2 Vogue which I now wish I had kept, but I do hope in the future to find another one and add to the collection.

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