



Into the Groove (A842)

9th July 2019

Viewing:

5 July 2019 9am - 5pm

7 July 2019 10am - 1pm

8 July 2019 9am - 5pm

9 July 2019 from 9am

Removal of Lots

Please note that all lots should be removed by **5pm** on **Friday 12 July 2019**. Furniture lots remaining after this date will be removed to Perry Removals, Chapel End, Broxted, Essex CM6 2BW. Removal will be at a cost of £20 per lot and storage will be charged at £2 per lot, per day.

Lot 5

Estimate: £1000 - £1500 +Fees

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Registration Number: J822 TAV

Chassis number: D0103

Perhaps the most famous of all amphibious cars was the stylish Amphicar, built in Berlin from 1961 to 1968. Relatively successful, over 2000 were produced, but their major failing was that they were built from automotive grade mild steel which corroded at an alarming rate when in contact with water. There were few attempts to build on the formula until Dutton Cars' 'Mariner' concept of the early 1990s. Taking readily available running gear from a standard production road car (in a similar way to the Amphicar), the big difference was the use of a one-piece hull moulded from high-strength GRP and the result was very successful.

Requiring some restoration and recommissioning, the Mariner starts readily and runs and drives with a surprisingly sporty exhaust note. Information available to us suggests that this example used the running gear and identity of a 1600cc Ford Fiesta with five-speed manual transmission and other mechanical parts, including XR2i alloy wheels. Finished in hi-visibility Citrine Yellow, the interior retains much of the donor Fiesta's grey cloth trim and the standard Fiesta dash is supplemented by a bank of auxiliary gauges.

The twin jet propulsion system has not been tested and the vehicle's present seaworthiness is unknown.

First registered on 28 January 1992, paperwork and correspondence between Dutton Cars Ltd. and the purchaser suggest it to be an experimental or development example. Further documentation includes a V5C registration document, a quantity of expired MoT certificates, owner's handbook and invoices for various parts. It should be noted that an HPI check shows the donor Ford Fiesta to be written off.

Buyer's Premium for lots 1-10 will be at the reduced rate of 15% plus VAT.