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Manufacturers' Models Launched Between 1945 and the Early 1980s:

This is not just a useful buyer's guide but also a major reference book on British sports cars (launched between 1945 and the early 1980s), many of which were exported to North America. The book covers 150+ models with detailed specifications and some of the 600 b/w photos depict cars that are very rare today. The book is probably unique in that every entry was scrutinised by knowledgeable enthusiasts and experts, hence hundreds of people were involved.

From the Publisher Peter Hingston's style is easy to read and the book is clearly laid out for quick and interesting reference. Readers will enjoy dipping into the book again and again. There are a huge number of clear black white photos (about 600) illustrating the models and most of these photos have not been seen before. The book, published in Britain, has had many excellent reviews: The Log Book (MG Drivers Club of North America): "A wonderful new guide incredibly comprehensive text A bonus feature is an easily photocopied invaluable "100-Point Vehicle Checklist Guide". This will let you rate a British sports car (or really any car) you are considering on everything from body work, paint, paperwork, engine, steering and so much more. This is one book that definitely should be on the shelf of your British car book collection." Classic Sports Car: "Think of it more as a reference book for potential buyers or old car fans. there's an air of authority here that makes this a must-have reference work." Classic Car Mart: "...can only be described as one of the most in-depth, most detailed and most worthwhile sports car books currently available..... you'll find it essential reading." Classic Car Weekly: "... we thought this was a good and interesting read and has clearly been well researched and thoughtfully put together." Classics Monthly: "If you intend to buy a classic sports car, the 100-point checklist is based in the real world and therefore ideal.... Accessible, digestible and refreshingly useful. Sure to become a CM favourite." Enjoying MG: "It works well as a buying guide but serves equally successfully as a reference book. In addition to the well-known marques there are rare models and even rarer manufacturers listed. This book is a very thoroughly researched and useful guide." Old Stager: "... very readable and accessible. this is very much a book of reference and its comprehensive coverage make it a `must' for every enthusiast's bookshelves. High quality photographs add to the excellence of the publication." Totalkitcar.com: "... this is a superb effort on all fronts and far above other similar, yet inferior, classic car guides..... this is a true reference work of genuine authority, whether you are in the market for such a car and/or are just an enthusiast.... this book is a real triumph and comes very highly recommended." The full reviews (and others) can be read on Hingston Publishing's car book website (hingston-car-books.co.uk). From the Author This book took over 3 years to produce because it contains a wealth of knowledge and it involved hundreds of enthusiasts and experts in Britain who very kindly helped by scrutinising all the car entries. The book is not simply a compilation of previously published information as it includes much new material, including revised production figures for some models, estimates of numbers of survivors for many models and a wealth of suggestions as to what to look for when checking cars. There is also a 5-Step Plan for buying a classic sports car, and a unique 100-point Vehicle Checklist Guide. Approximately 150 classic British sports car models are covered, with almost 600 b/w photos and detailed specifications, i.e. dates, numbers built, body/chassis details, engines, performance figures and likely price bands today (in UK Pounds). There are also brief production histories and details of the main model changes. It was a pleasure to include many marques that were important in the 1950s and 60s but are perhaps less well known today. A huge number of the cars referred to in this book were exported to North America, hence there is information included on modifications made to export cars. About the Author The author, Peter Hingston, lives in rural England, and has owned six classic British sports cars. He has been an enthusiast since the early 1970s. This is his 12th book and his second on sports cars. Philip Gundy, who helped the author, is also an enthusiast. Philip has an enviable archive of rare literature and considerable technical expertise, which includes having built a Lotus 7 replica and fully restoring an MGB Roadster.