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BMW Z1

£56,000

Specification

YEAR	1991	MILEAGE	18,000
ENGINE CAPACITY	2494cc	TRANSMISSION	MANUAL
EXTERIOR COLOUR	TOP RED	INTERIOR COLOUR	GREY LEATHER INRERIOR
SERVICE HISTORY	FULL HISTORY	PREVIOUS OWNERS	3 OWNERS

Z is for Zukunft. Translates to “future”. Despite the passing of three decades, it is a designation still well-deserved today. The styling of the Z1 was way ahead of its time. Yes, the electric dropping doors were of course very futuristic but so was the shape. They say engineering that works, always looks right to the eye.

BMW Technic was the in-house department of BMW, founded in 1985 to explore and challenge conventional design. It was this small and exciting new team that must be remembered for the BMW Z1.

People still stand and stare at a Z1 today and the first time the doors are operated, jaws drop. “That’s 30 years old” is the usual quote as they rush off to get their friends to ensure they do not miss the show. These disappearing doors make a quick drop into a petrol station almost impossible as bigger and bigger crowds amass around the car.

Few today realise just how special the Z1 was and how it pushed the boundaries of conventional car design in both materials and construction techniques. The manufacture of the galvanised box section shell incorporating an alloy bolt in torque-tube between the gearbox and differential meant almost zero scuttle shake. The top half of the car had an extremely low drag coefficient for the time, whilst even the rear exhaust box was part of the underside aero package increasing rear end down-force. The development of the plastic panels and even the special paint designed for this thermoplastic, saw the

first plastic production car with true German build quality and without that kit car feel so often afflicting cars with no metal exterior panels. Safety features were developed in the form of side impact protection enabling the Z1 to be driven with the doors down. The front screen pillars hide proper roll over protection. The Z1 was the first car to feature BMW's highly regarded Z-axle seen on all later 3-series models. Even the bumpers featured shock-absorbing qualities. The Z1 concept was truly ahead of its time.

Despite all the new innovation, living with a Z1 on a daily basis was made easy as 80% of the mechanical components were borrowed from the highly developed and tested E30 325i. Driving a Z1 today still blows your mind. The car is utterly usable and far from the idiosyncratic diva you might expect from its futuristic design. Truly go-kart like handling but with a subtle ride that crosses continents at high speed in comfort.

This Z1 is very well known to us, having played a key role in the Classic Heroes Collection since 2008. Now extremely rare as one of only 75 cars ever officially imported to the UK. With only 18,000 miles, full and documented service history from new, all original paint, this car represents one of the most original and pure Z1s available. Three owners from new and presented in as new showroom condition. It should be stressed that the interior is unmarked and that none of the plastic panels have any cracks that now afflict so many Z1s.

BMW Z1

UK supplied - 1 of 75 Cars

1991

18,000 Miles

Three previous owners

Top red

Nubuck grey / grey leather interior

Full service history

The car will be handed over to the new owner with the original and immaculate UK service wallet, fully stamped service book, all handbooks and an amazing document file, containing every MOT from new, every single invoice since 1993 and 6,000 miles, BMW build certificate and even letters from the first and second owners.

As part of the Classic Heroes collection since 2008, the car has been part of our own display and carefully monitored and cared for by our workshop team.

The car will pass through the workshop for the usual high level of pre-sales preparation by our workshop. Not just for routine servicing and maintenance but also mechanical future proofing ensuring this Z1 is handed over turnkey for its first road trip of 2022. The following will be carried out.

PDI

Inspection II service

New cam belt and fully

New water pump

New Thermostat

New brake fluid

New coolant

Front and rear brake calipers rebuilt

New brake hoses

New coolant and heater hoses

New fuel hoses

New tyres

New MOT issued

Please call Barney for full details of our very special Z1



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