

1970 Datsun 1600

2dr Convertible • 4-cyl. 1595cc/96hp 2x1bbl

#1 Concours condition

\$51,600

— 0%

#2 Excellent condition

\$27,300

↘ -8.4%

#3 Good condition

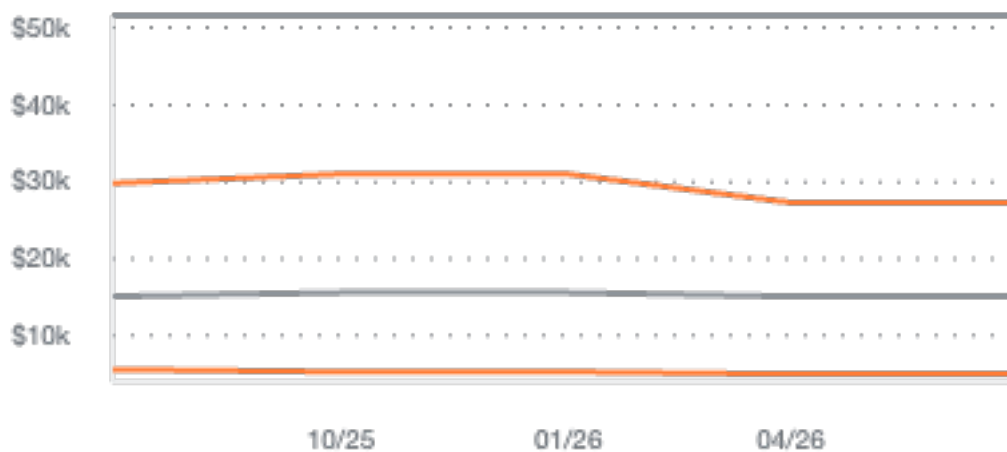
\$15,100*

— 0%

#4 Fair condition

\$5,000

↘ -10.7%



NOTE: The chart displays price changes for the last year.

Model description

To the uninitiated, the Datsun roadsters (the collective nickname for all models in the U.S. They're known as the Fairlady in Japan) are just Japanese MGB copies, but that couldn't be further from the truth. In point of fact, the Datsun pre-dated the introduction of the MGB by several months, and any styling similarities are coincidental. Whereas the performance of the MGB began to slide downward post-1967, it was just the opposite for the Datsun.

Datsun roadsters are pleasant-looking with more of a bias toward "cute" than handsome, the small hood scoop and stacked tail lights are unique features. The majority of cars out there are the smaller displacement 1500 and 1600 models. The 2000 didn't become available until mid-1967. The difference was pronounced, however. Where the 1600 had around 90 hp, the 2000 had 135 hp out of the box and more could be had with a factory tuning kit. The 2000 was a legitimate stoplight sleeper and the mid-year 1967 version is rare and desirable with a better looking dash (pre-1968 cars had a handsome steel dash with toggle switches) and a short windshield.

Datsun roadsters raced successfully in SCCA matches and continue to be good vintage racers. They're more durable than most of their British rivals but far less well supported in the parts world. Just a fraction of what is available for an MGB is sourceable for a Datsun roadster, an important consideration if you're restoring a car.

Body styles

2dr Convertible

Engine types

4-cyl. 1595cc/96hp 2x1bbl

1963-1970 Datsun 1500 / 1600 / 2000 Roadster stats

Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
\$33,000	\$3,086	\$22,000	33

Vehicle's condition classification

#1. Concours

#1 vehicles are the best in the world. Imagine the best vehicle, in the right colors, driving onto the lawn at the finest concours. Perfectly clean, the vehicle has been groomed down to the tire treads. Painted and chromed surfaces are mirror-like. Dust and dirt are banned, and materials used are correct and superbly fitted.

#2. Excellent

#2 vehicles could win a local or regional show. They might even be former #1 vehicles that have been driven or have aged. Seasoned observers will have to look closely for flaws but will be able to find some. The paint, chrome, glass and finishes will all appear as excellent. The vehicle drives as a new vehicle of its era would

#3. Good

#3 vehicles drive and run well but are not used for daily transportation. The casual passerby will not find any visual flaws, but these vehicles might have some incorrect parts. #3 vehicles could possess some, but not all, of the issues of a #4 vehicle, but they will be balanced by other factors such as fresh paint or a new, correct interior.

#4. Fair

#4 vehicles are daily drivers, with flaws visible to the naked eye. The chrome might have pitting, the windshield might be chipped and perhaps the body has a minor dent. Imperfect paintwork, split seams or a cracked dash might be present. No major parts are missing, but there might be non-stock additions. A #4 vehicle can also be a deteriorated restoration.

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