

# 1959 Triumph TR3A

2dr Roadster . 4-cyl. 1991cc/100hp 2x1bbl

#1 Concours condition

**\$41,300**

▾ -11.9%

#2 Excellent condition

**\$31,500**

▾ -6.8%

#3 Good condition

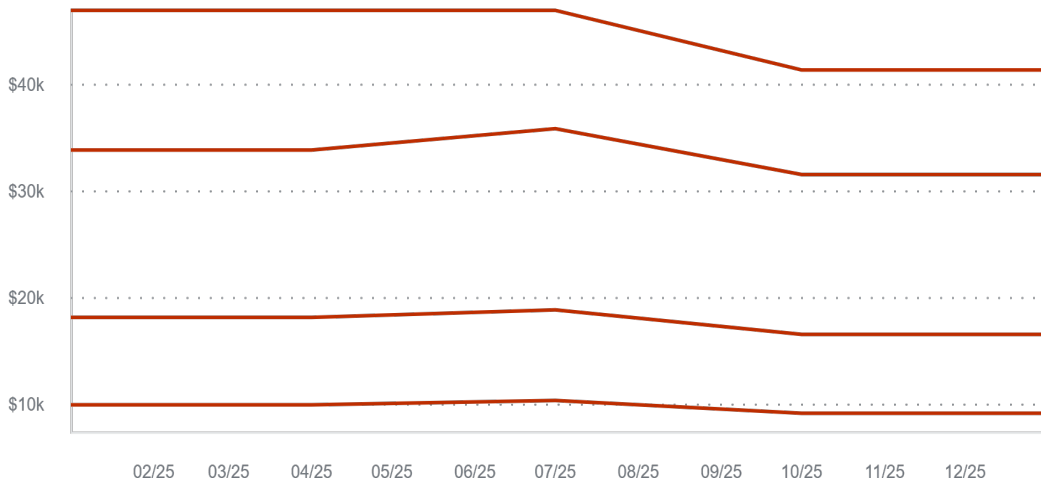
**\$16,500\***

▾ -8.8%

#4 Fair condition

**\$9,100**

▾ -8.1%



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

## Value adjustments

**+\$1,000**  
for factory hard top.

## Model description

The Triumph Motor Company launched the TR3 in October of 1955 as a successor to the TR2, and the new model was powered by the same 1991 cc, straight-4, overhead valve engine as its predecessor. The powerplant had larger carburetion, however, that pushed power to 95 hp, and the engine was mated to a four-speed transmission. New cylinder heads were fitted to the engine during the first 12 months of production, which translated to 5 more hp, and top speeds for the TR3 approached 110 mph.

The car utilized front independent suspension and a live rear axle, and initially had drum brakes on all four wheels. Within the first year, however, Triumph switched to front disc brakes, becoming the first production British car to do so.

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Externally the car had low-cut doors and minimal weather protection, which underscored its purposeful, sporting nature. It had a small opening in the front with a deep-set grille that did not compare favorably to competitors like the MGA and Austin-Healey 100. Performance was on par, though, and the car was well received. More than 13,000 TR3s were manufactured between 1955 and 1957, with 90% of those landing on American shores.

Popular optional equipment for TR3s included overdrive, a hard top, and wire wheels. A handful of buyers opted for the occasional rear seat as well.

Triumph executed a visual freshening in 1957, and the cars are now referred to as the TR3A, though the company never officially named this evolutionary model as such. Most significantly, the car's grille grew wider and became less recessed. Also, headlight treatment was slightly altered, door handles (available on the earlier cars via a "GT Kit") became standard, a locking trunk handle appeared, and larger bumpers were installed. Mechanically, most of the TR3's original spec remained. The public responded favorably to the new appearance by purchasing more than 58,000 TR3As during the car's six-year run. Again, the vast majority of these vehicles were destined for the U.S. market.

By 1961, Triumph was preparing its radically new TR4, but American dealers were uncertain about how this new offering would be received commercially. To address these concerns, Triumph created the final iteration of the TR3 to safeguard against public disinterest. The TR3B (again, never referred to as such by the company) was produced during the 1962 model year, and was externally identical to the TR3A. Underneath, though, the car carried the B's optional 2138 cc inline-4 that produced 105 hp. The car also had a new synchromesh gearbox.

The TR4 indeed proved to be quite successful, so the TR3B was retired following 1962. The TR3 today is remembered as a model that helped establish Triumph as a leading producer of open two-seat sports cars – a reputation the company carried through the 1970s.

**Body styles**

2dr Roadster

**Engine types**

4-cyl. 1991cc/100hp 2x1bb1

**1955-1962 Triumph TR3 stats**

Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
<b>\$229,080</b>	<b>\$687</b>	<b>\$26,346</b>	<b>590</b>

**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.