

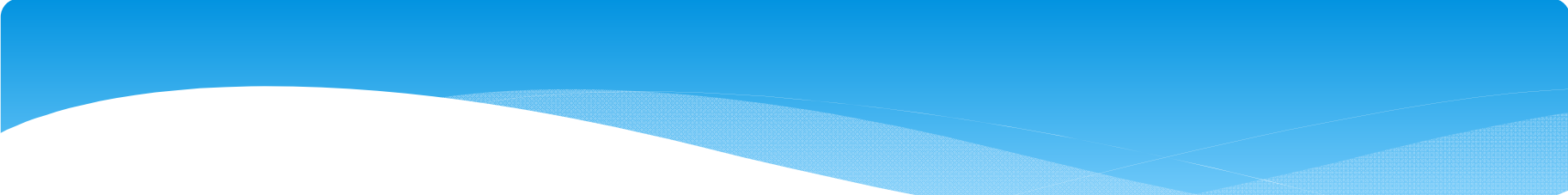
MADE IN LEEDS

Donald Healey was the brain child behind the Austin Healey Sprite, nicknamed the Frogeye ,due to the positioning of it's head lights. It was to fill a gap, as there were no small sports/fun cars on the market. It was well received but may have sold more but for it's odd appearance at the front.

There were a small number of firms who were making glass fibre bodies to fit the Ford 10 chassis and other specials, who designed a replacement front for the Sprite. A small firm was set up in Leeds to do the same. They were located in Buslingthorp Mills, on Meanwood Road, renting an area in the corner of a coach trimmers workshop run by Burt Bretherick.

Allan was friendly with Bobby Monkman (the son of a builder, Nowell Lane) both members of the BRDC. Bobby ran a MK1 Sprite, and the car was borrowed, stripped of all it's external parts, and Graham made a complete mould of the car. The story goes, it had to be resprayed as some paint damaged was incurred in the process.

A body shell was now made out of the female mould, and was mounted on a frame and a new buck was constructed for a new bonnet desinged by Graham. The buck was covered with very thin layers of plywood until the designed shape was attained, then a mould was taken off this. A frame was made to keep the new mould in shape, and production was then able to commence.



They were finished to a very high standard. Over 100 were produced in the firm's life span - only one known survivor, allegedly in Island. Three years ago, the Sprite and Midget Car Club featured a 3 page article on this firm with pictures of finished cars in the mill yard, and the of the manufacture of the buck in progress. The 1st. bonnet finished, was fitted to Bobby's car and was used for testing and comparison times. They were done at 4am. on the ring road before Leeds had woken up. See the sale prints else where.

Allan Staniforth. born Birmingham, North East reporter for the Daily Mirror, raced and rallied cars from the 50's onwards. built a car with a Rochdale body, A35 engine in his garage in Horsforth. Teamed up with Graham to make replacement bonnet for Sprite. went on to design, build, and successfully race a low cost hill climb car, the Terrapin Min, which he then sold the plans to others to build replicas. He wrote a book on tuning the A- series engine, and one on race car suspension set ups. He also built a hill climb car with a motor cycle engine, with which he competed at Harewood hill climb and at other venues. He was the longest competing driver at Harewood.

Graham Atkin. Born Pontefract. Engineer / draughtsman. Apprentice At Jowett, Idel, David Brown, Aston Martin, Huddersfield, and other manufacturers before a long term at Lotus, then BMW / ROVER. before returning to Lotus.

The "StarSprite" bonnet is built conscientiously with top class materials. By reducing the weight of the car by over 30 lbs. mainly off the front wheels the balance and roadholding is improved.

You can order through your garage, buy from us direct, and fit it yourself, or bring the car in by appointment and drive away with the job completed.

Some Test Figures for Sprite in Full Road Sports Tune. (Hood up: 2 people: employing 6,500 rpm. in gears: average of double runs each way).

TEST	RESULTS	
Acceleration	Original	StarSprite
0-30 secs	15.5	13.9
0-40 secs	22.3	18.9
0-50 secs	31.4	26.7
Max. Speed mph	95	102
Speed 1st and 2nd gears	75	85

It has been designed with unique adjustment features to ensure neat and accurate fit at all angles and fullness.

It can be supplied in original mould finish in EMC colours, in undercoat ready for painting, or completely finished in any shade. It comes in a variety of finishes. If your original bonnet has been written off, ours has always proved acceptable as a replacement under insurance claims.

It has a simpler and more accessible release catch. It is much lighter and convenient to lift.

If you do have the misfortune to hit a solid object at some time, it has greater shock absorbing qualities than steel, and we can supply any part-section from the original mould as well as information and materials for home or local garage repair.

PRICE - 342: Moulded in EMC Colours (You can polish it from this state if preferred)

prepared and sprayed in undercoat:	£3. 10. 0d
chwork paint finished (matched your paint sample if required)	5. 10. 0d
ting at our works (by appointment)	3. 10. 0d
er bracket extensions (if required)	15. 0d
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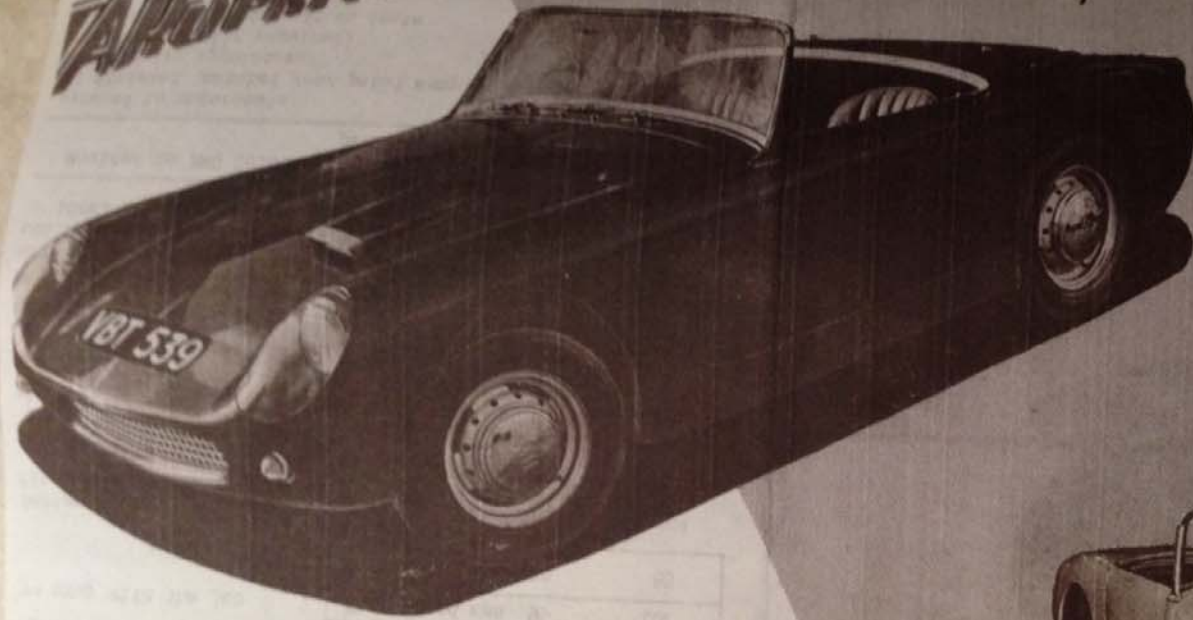
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