

New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by Tsamba - 2015/11/12 18:16

Hi folks,

I know ye are thinking how do you accidentally get a MR2? But long story short my friend bought it 7/8 years ago as a weekend car but that never really happened so it sat outside his house looking sad! Now he's heading to Canada for a few years and was going to sell it to a scrap yard so I said I'd pay what the scrap man was! Done deal B)

So I stuck in a battery some fresh fuel and she started up first try! Got to love Toyota's ha.

The car is a 92 red G limited T bar, it has leather but drivers side needs a little repair, the brake callipers are sticky and it needs all fluids & belts changed.the engine sounds great no nasty noises and next to no rust.

Its nct is so far out I'd get jail if caught driving ha, I'm going to book it in and see what's what before I spend too much, but all going well it will get a new lease of life.

I'll take pics when I get a chance and in the mean time I'm all ears on what to look out for best place to get parts etc

Are the brake callipers serviceable or better buy new. Oh any recommendations for insurance for classics?

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Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by GB - 2015/11/12 19:32

Hi Tsamba,

Welcome to the wonderful world of MR2`s !

You will get plenty of info here as they are a friendly and helpful bunch

As regards classic insurance most will steer you in the direction of

First Ireland 01-8820822 I`m with them myself and would recommend them highly.

Best of luck with the car and well done on saving it from the scrapyard !

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Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by JOCK - 2015/11/12 20:07

welcome Tsamba new to MR2s myself,been working on cars for 26 years,but this first mr2,must say great little cars,bags off fun and very easy to work on,apart from im noticing simple things like taken off a screw from spotlamps is a no,no,my drill is been overworked lol,just got my car through its first NCT 3 days ago,so happy at moment,i found this forum great here for help,advice,parts from experienced MR2 fans,hope you stick with getn your MR2 back on road,promise you will be worth it when done.

Best of luck JOCK

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Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by spla300 - 2015/11/12 22:25

Welcome, defo throw up some pics and check sills for rust.

Try Jack for classic insurance 0872574581

Also breaks sticking is common with them even if you leave it parked up for a month, driving it usually frees them up, if not take the caliper off without disconnecting the brake line and run the piston in and out a few times, careful because piston can pop out and then you might aswell go and buy a new caliper so make sure you put a socket or something there to stop piston going out all the way. use lots of wd40

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Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by Tsamba - 2015/11/12 23:13

Thanks for the welcome, plenty of reading and ye'll be sick of me asking questions :woohoo: I would have cried to see her scrapped, anyway I like older cars you can work onnot millions of sensors and computers ha,

Im based around limerick so if anyone down this way let me know so I can pick your brain!!

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Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by Tsamba - 2015/11/16 15:45

So after spending the weekend looking over the MR2 she actually needs very little work, im working on freeing the brakes but ultimately I'll rebuild them, the motor was changed at some stage and a sloppy job done bits lose here and there and trim thrown in the booth, also the coolant pipe from hell needs replacing. But all in its a tidy car just unloved.

I rang around insurance companies and got a quote of €220 3000mls fully comprehensive, from autoline, pretty reasonable.

The previous owner also has a pile of history and owners books, a set of tein coilovers and brand new t-bar seals, I also know a guy who has a crashed one with no engine but lots of spares he said take what I want as he's scrapping it soon.

Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by Mister2 - 2015/11/16 17:19

Hi Tsamba ... welcome and well done on saving another car :)
I'm in Limerick also and have a Rev3 T-Bar Turbo
Always on the look out for parts so let me know what's available
I have a few bits and pieces also, so if you need anything, just let me know (mostly interior trim)

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Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by Tsamba - 2015/11/16 17:42

I will indeed I'll be having a look at the weekend, its G limited and crashed on the front, so I presume anything from windscreen back bar the motor is there but I'll know more soon

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Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by tinyk06 - 2015/11/18 23:49

are the coilovers for sale by any chance. cheers

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Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by Crmr2 - 2015/11/19 20:19

welcome to the site.

Best of luck with your car.

B)

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Re: New to MR2s kinda by accident

Posted by Luksander - 2015/11/30 15:47

Welcome Tsamba,

All the best and thanks for saving her. We may meet sometime on Limerick (or Galway;) Cars and Coffee.

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