

LPO405J “Snowdrop” - Bill Reed



Having covered 55,000 miles in the past 22 years, I have now roundly beaten the car's first owner, a Mrs Thomson of Ferring, near Worthing in Sussex, who managed only 14,000 miles in her 17 years of ownership. I think she only used it to go down to the shops.

Snowdrop (the name was given by a previous owner) is a 1970 Traveller in Snowberry White with black upholstery. Modest upgrades help with everyday use and reliability: Metro-type seats with head restraints; halogen headlamps; electronic ignition and alternator; a servo on the original drum brakes; heated rear windows; stainless steel exhaust. The engine and transmission are original (apart from an “unleaded” cylinder head) and the wood was replaced in 2013.

In 2015 I took the car across Spain and France, a round trip of 2,200 miles. It has taken part in Minors on Tour (France) a dozen times, Minors on Tour (UK) four times, and the Roses Run (Scarborough-Morecambe) three times.

I use the car all year round and my rule is that it shouldn't remain in the garage for more than two weeks at a stretch without being taken out for a run.

Every year I have it MOT'd and professionally serviced.

Bill Reed, January 2023