

## 1980 Triumph Spitfire 1500 with Overdrive



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\$8,000 or best offer

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My father purchased the car in 2015 with 82,048 miles

His records indicate the following:

3/2016 – 83,500 mi – new muffler, front shocks and brakes,  
transmission fluid change

3/2017 – 4 new tires

9/2017 – rear air shocks

12/2017 – 85,975 mi – new U joints, vertical arm repair kit w/  
new bushings

1/2019 – 87,100 mi – replaced rear wheel bearings (both sides)

2/2019 – 87,300 mi – new battery, new alternator and belt

2/2020 – replaced 2 right rear wheel studs

3/2020 – 87,800 mi – new rear spring

2/2021 – 88,888 mi – new fuel pump and fuel filter

5/2021 – new convertible top, professionally installed

He passed away in Sept 2021. Before his passing he would drive the car regularly around town and on club drives. Since then it has mostly been sitting, but I have started it every few months and driven short distances just to keep it running.

### Known & Suspected issues:

- Driver's side door latch does not work

It looks as though my dad was in the process of fixing this. The interior door panel has been removed (I have it) to access the latch and linkages.

- Passenger side door will stick

This is currently the only way to get into the car, and it's not what I consider reliable. Whenever you fix the driver's side door, I suggest you look at the passenger side as well.

- Reverse gear will grind and pop out of gear

- Suspect it is burning oil

I haven't driven it enough for it to show low oil on the dipstick, but I'm pretty sure there is a light smoke coming from the exhaust when I drive.

- Odometer not correct / Speedometer not working

Per my dad's records the fuel pump was replaced at 88,888 mi, but the odometer currently reads 88,652 mi. The speedometer does not register while driving.

- Cosmetic issues

Bumpers are cracked and should be repaired/replaced. Paint has minor cracks/chips. The glass from both side mirrors have fallen out of the housings. Luggage rack crossmember is broken off.

### So what's good?

It's free of major rust and damage and runs well. Until relatively recently it was being maintained and driven on a regular basis, even upgraded as time and budget allowed. The sale also includes many parts that presumably were purchased for maintenance and/or upgrade. Priced at \$8,000 OBO should be very attractive compared to similar listings in the \$12k range.