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To be held at BCA Blackbushe on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

### **MINI 'COOPER SPORTS 500'**



Re-introduced in 1990 following a 19-year absence from the Mini range, the sporting Cooper models achieved a new popularity and cult status. Employing a fuel injected version of the 1,275cc A-series engine, which, with development, was tweaked to produce up to 90bhp, a number of 'special edition' versions were produced. As a final edition, marking the end of production in 2000, a special series of 500 'Cooper Sports' was produced - before the introduction of the 'BMW' Minis. This 'Sports 500' series was equipped to a high standard.

This example is finished in Tahiti blue with silver roof and stripes, and is equipped with a full bank of rally-style fog and spot lamps, wide wheel arch extensions and 13-inch Minilite-style alloy wheels. The well-appointed cabin features black and 'titanium' leather upholstery, alloy fittings, engine turned effect alloy dashboard, chrome bezel gauges and a commemorative plaque inside the glovebox lid. This exceptional one-owner vehicle, first registered in April 2001, has seen minimal use with **just 850 miles** recorded at the time of writing, recent mileage being accrued through regular exercise on private roads.



Accompanying the car is original Mini commemorative memorabilia, including: build spec. sheets, Mini classic sales brochure, framed certificate of authenticity signed by John Cooper and Kevin Howe (then CEO of MG Rover), Mini 'T' shirt, Mini fleece pullover, suede peaked cap with Mini badge and also a 'Mini Cooper Sports 500' shoulder bag containing: owner's handbook pack, Mini Key ring, Mini sewing kit, Mini perfume dispenser and Mini pocket knife.

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The V5 registration document is provided, attesting to the one owner, along with the original sales order. Having been used only on private roads, an MOT certificate is not present. However, this would appear to be little more than a formality. With such minimal mileage, this '500', a possibly unique piece of motoring history, is also supplied with the registration L500 AST (*last 500*) with a certificate of entitlement.

Year of Manufacture: 2000

Estimate: £9,000 - £10,000