

Nash-Healey



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NEWSLETTER

358

REGISTRY UPDATE

We now have know of a total of 358 Nash Healeys. 90 of these are currently registered.

This newsletter is produced by the Nash Healey Registry. In order to continue to receive your complimentary copy of this newsletter, you must register your Nash Healey. If you have not already registered, please take a moment to complete the form on the last page and return it to me. We hope to send an actual Registry to registered owners later this year.



USA 1951-1954



NASH-HEALEY

Before Donald Healey forged his alliance with Austin to form Austin-Healey, he worked with the Nash company here in the U.S. Using Nash mechanical components, Healey built this interesting sports car for the U.S. market.

Produced by Healey Motor Company Warwick, Great Britain



VITAL STATISTICS

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| Top speed: | 105 mph |
| 0-60 mph: | 11.5 sec. |
| Engine type: | In-line six |
| Displacement: | 4,140 cc |
| Max power: | 135 bhp at 4,000 rpm |
| Max torque: | 230 lb-ft at 2,000 rpm |
| Weight: | 2,950 lbs. |
| Gas mileage: | 22 mpg |
| Price: | \$5,908 |

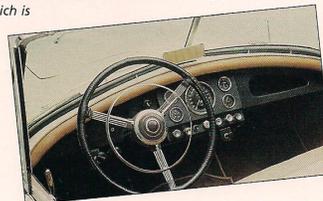
Details apply to 1953



"...feeling of control."

"Compared to other cars of the day, the Nash-Healey was a revelation. Even today, its qualities shine through. The car was widely praised for its handling and especially its ride, which is extraordinarily good for a sports car. Thanks to Healey's input, it handles well with a great feeling of control, and it's certainly fast enough to be called a sports car. In truth, though, it was built more for the boulevard than the race track."

The large-diameter steering wheel dominates the simple fascia.



Milestones

1949 Nash-Kelvinator president George Mason and Donald Healey meet on board the Queen Elizabeth liner and find common ground to build a Nash-Healey sports car.

1950 A prototype is shown and a racer takes ninth place at the Mille Miglia and fourth at Le Mans.



Pinin Farina was commissioned for the 1952 restyle.

1951 The Nash-Healey is launched in the U.S. at the Chicago Auto Show and is sold through Nash dealers.



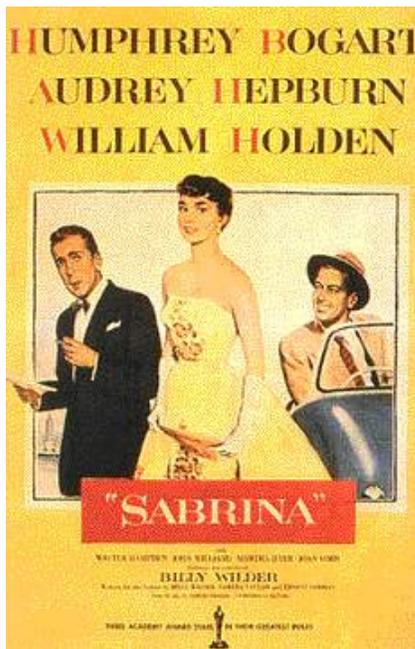
The Nash-Healey had some success in racing.

1952 Pinin Farina restyles the roadster and builds the bodywork.

1954 Production ends after 506 cars have been built.

VALUE GUIDE

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| ORIGINAL PRICE | |
| 1953 | \$5,908 |
| CURRENT VALUE | \$19,500-\$40,750 |
| PRODUCTION TOTAL | 506 |



Of all of the Nash Healey's movie appearances, perhaps the most famous is the 1954 Paramount Pictures' "Sabrina" featuring Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart and William Holden. Appearing several times in that film was a lovely platinum colored 1953 Nash Healey Roadster.

Here is a photo of the car as it exists today. Gordon and Carolyn McGregor, who currently own this car tells their story below.



Note the liberty the artist creating the movie poster took in moving the steering wheel to the right so that Holden could be shown driving the Nash Healey

This car, the movie and the Nash Healey history were prominently featured in the February 2001 Cars & Parts



I purchased the Nash Healey in 1977 from Jacques Harguindeguy. Jacques told me it was the Sabrina Car. He had purchased it from a retired movie producer living in Hillsborough, CA. The car was stored for many years as number five piston was broken. It had 24000 plus miles on it when I bought it. After the movie, it was painted red. After that, Barris of Hollywood did some customization work on it, removing the air scoop, hood handle, cross flags, script and tail bezels and leaded in the holes. It was then painted white, leaving the red dash with a tan top. Sometime later, following a minor accident it was repainted a Fiat white.

I restored it in 1977 stripping off all the paint and putting it back to original with Jacques' help in getting the parts. I painted it '69 Fiat White with the dash remaining red. It has the original red leather interior, floor mats, door panels and cockpit trim. I will never change the interior as that is where the actors sat. I was forced to have the steering wheel refinished as the original disintegrated.

My wife and I drove the car about 20,000 miles and decided last year to have it professionally restored. Not the interior, of course. It should be ready by mid April.

Gordon and Carolyn McGregor



Sabrina

In "Sabrina" (1954) a straight laced executive (Humphrey Bogart) attempts to woo the chauffeurs daughter (Audrey Hepburn) away from his irresponsible brother (William Holden) to save a business deal.

The 1995 remake starred Harrison Ford but unfortunately missed the best part and did not use a Nash Healey

Sabrina

TRIVIA

Humphrey Bogart was a last minute replacement for Cary Grant.

Bogart and William Holden did not get along.

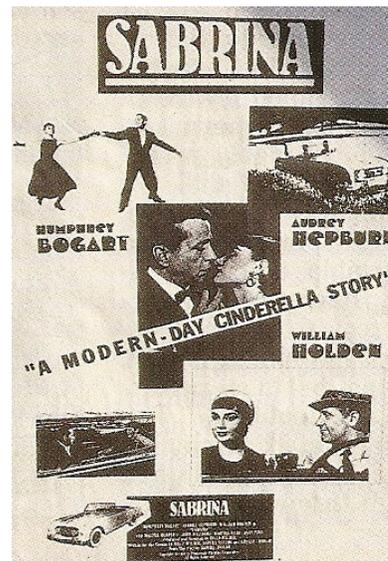
Bogart wanted his wife Lauren Bacall cast in the role of Sabrina.

Co-stars Audrey Hepburn and William Holden fell in love during the making of the film. The relationship was later ended by Audrey Hepburn

The estate on which the film was shot belonged to the chairman of Paramount pictures.

Bogart was paid \$300000 for the film, Holden got \$150000 while Hepburn was paid only \$15000.

No matter what, Humphrey Bogart quit work at 6 pm on the dot. That was the time he started drinking scotch and soda.



ITEMS FOR SALE

1952-54 Nash Healey Roadster Windshields \$695.00
 1953 Nash Healey Coupe back Windshields \$695.00
 1953 & 1954 Nash Healey Coupe Windshields \$695.00
 1954 Nash Healey Coupe back windshield weatherstrip. \$450.00
 All Nash Healeys extended front suspension caster adjuster \$350.00
 All Nash Healeys front stabilizer bar. (3 times stiffer) \$395.00
 Nash Healey rear motor mounts recast in urethane for \$85.00 each on an exchange basis only
 Contact Jim Walton nshjw@aol.com or
 Dennis McAllister denmca@comcast.net

SPEEDO OR TACH LETTERING

Reproduction lettering sheets available for speedometer \$25. or tachometer \$25.
 Contact Ron Brookes
jbrookes@moradnet.ca

NASH HEALEY FOR SALE



1954 Nash Healey Coupe. New upholstery, paint, good chrome. nice white walls. Runs.
 Contact
 Charles Giorno for details.
 262-818-1951

COMING EVENTS

2010 GRAND NASHIONAL

The 2010 NCCA Grand Nashional- First in Airflyte will be held July 5th to July 11, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Cleveland, Ohio.
 The meet will be hosted by the OH-Penn Region
 Call Rex Fisher
 330-707-2013 or email
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THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition. A very special thanks to Gordon McGregor, for his Sabrina materials and to Brad Rawling, who sent me a selection of newsletters from the 1980's. You will be seeing excerpts from these in many newsletters to come. Please send any ideas or articles you have to me at jbrookes@moradnet.ca. The next newsletter will be sent in June 2010

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Year
 Body Style
 Body Number
 Chassis Number.....
 Motor Number
 Condition
 Special Info or History
 Name
 Address
 Email
 Phone

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 or send by regular mail to the above address
 Please call me if you have any questions about the Nash Healey Registry.

2010 HEALEY RENDEZVOUS



The Austin Healey Club of Oregon is hosting the 2010 Healey Rendezvous. This event will be held June 28th to July 2nd in Eugene, Oregon. It would be great to see a number of Nash Healeys there. For additional information; <http://healey-oregon.org/rendezvous-2010>