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Editor's Choice: Austin-Healey 3000 Mk Ila

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And here's a classic choice to welcome in the New Year. If you haven't yet changed out of your black tie, and are still holding a Cuban cigar in your left hand and a glass of champagne in your right, you're perfectly dressed to appreciate this classic British beauty: the Austin-Healey 3000.

The popularity of this model means hefty demand, and consequently a hefty price – and even so, genuine, original examples are becoming increasingly hard to find. But a top-quality Austin-Healey 3000 is worth the money you pay. Combining flair and fun, they are true British classics – proper representatives of a ‘Big Healey’. The example pictured here, its red paintwork combined with a black leather interior, is on sale at Altena Classic Service in Gramsbergen, The Netherlands. Having been cherished in the same collection for more than 20 years, the owner has now decided to sell, and we’re told the car is close to perfect. While the red paintwork is 90% original, the car has benefited from an overhaul of the engine and gearbox, among other things, with a new wiring loom, petrol tank and radiator fitted.

The perfect way to celebrate the New Year, perhaps?

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