MODEL

Marcos 1800 (1965) UK price when announced: £1995 6s 3d (inc. purchase tax)

ENGINE

Location: Front longitudinal Type: Water-cooled in-line Volvo B18 four-cylinder with cast-iron block and head. Five main bearings Cubic capacity: 1778 cc

Bore × stroke: 84.1 mm × 80 mm Compression ratio: 10:1 Valve gear: 2 parallel valves per cylinder operated by single blockmounted camshaft, pushrods and

Fuel supply: 2 Stromberg CD 175 carburettors

distributor Maximum power: 114 bhp at **TRANSMISSION**

Layout: Gearbox in unit with engine, Rear-wheel drive. Laycock de Normanville Type D overdrive Gearbox: Four-speed manual

(overdrive optional extra) 1st 3.12:1 3rd 1.36:1 2nd 1.99:1 4th 1.00:1 Final drive: Hypoid bevel Ratio: 3.91:1

SUSPENSION

Front: Independent with wishbones, coil springs and telescopic dampers Rear: Live rear axle located by twin leading arms, with coil-spring damper units

STEERING

Type: Rack and pinion

BRAKES

Type: Discs front and drums rear

WHEELS AND TYRES

Type: 175/13 Pirelli Cinturato tyres on 13 in 51/2 J steel wheels (magnesium-alloy wheels optional)

BODY/CHASSIS

Type: Monocoque chassis of exterior grade Sitka spruce plywood, with 2-door glassfibre 2+2 coupé

DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT

Length: 160.5 in (4077 mm) Width: 62.5 in (1587 mm) Wheelbase: 89.5 in (2273 mm)
Track – front: 48.75 in (1238 mm)

- rear: 51 in (1295 mm) Weight: 1702 lb (772 kg)

PERFORMANCE Maximum speed: 116 mph (187 kph) Acceleration 0-60 mph: 8.2 seconds

Fuel consumption: 22.8 mpg

BELOW A 1965 Marcos 1800 with the Volvo engine. Although it did, of course, have a wooden chassis note how the front suspension is located by a tubular steel sub frame. This particular car has Weber carburettors but twin Strombergs were standard wear.

