

Austin Allegro 1500

I accompanied a PLC chairman on a day's business visits. His big car was in dock, so I drove his courtesy car, an Allegro 1500 estate. The driving was hectic, as we did over 400 miles between appointments. The Allegro was small but comfortable, quick and quiet enough. Since then I have defended the poor Allegro against its critics. True the estate with the sweep of its rear pillar avoided one of the mistakes of the saloon, the irritating dip of the waist between the side windows. The saloon's looks failed it, but for all that it was a good car.

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