

Ogle SX1000

Less alarming than his Clipper was the brace of Ogles my nautical friend owned. These slightly bulbous but very attractive little cars started life as Mini vans. Their comfortably fitted out bodies were better balanced to look at and better made than the run of the mill fibreglass specials of the sixties. They lost a bit in accommodation compared with a Mini, but as a chic two-seater with a kiddie-cum-parcel shelf they fitted the bill. As the floorplan was pure Mini and the car weighed significantly less than a Mini, it was every bit as much fun to drive, and more.

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