

Wolseley 1500

When the public refused to let the Minor 1000 die, BMC revamped its replacement with upright radiator grills and new badges, Wolseley for the genteel and Riley, with twin SUs, for the sporty types. The Minor running gear gave good handling, the bigger engine gave a decent performance and higher than typical gearing gave easy cruising. The mother of a girlfriend would lend me hers to keep her daughter warm and dry. Its gentrified interior failed to make the luxury grade, as demonstrated by the wood strips attached below painted window frames, where Rover would have framed the windows in wood.

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