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So, you've seen a nice looking mgb (on say, Craigslist) that is overseas and it seems to be a steal at the price it's being offered. BE WARNED!

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A vehicle imported privately (by the registered owner in that country) or commercially imported (a used vehicle imported for the purpose of on-selling).

A vehicle legally imported for road use within Australia in the past thirty plus years will have a yellow, green or purple Compliance Plate or more recently, a Vehicle Standards plate or non-defaceable decal. In recent years Queensland has allowed otherwise improperly imported vehicles to acquire a Modification Plate for the code LO1.

As part of these three importation types, the vehicle should have undergone a thorough assessment followed by a variety of changes to meet local requirements. Depending on the precise model and importation type this could include; body number stamped into body, engine number stamped into engine, speedometer in KPH, KPH as the dominant reading on the speedometer, six digit odometer, seat belts for all seat positions, child restraints, reposition front registration plate, right hand drive, hand brake warning light, all factory fitted features present and working...

Note: For the three types of import just listed (especially those with Modification Plates) - we frequently encounter vehicles that fail to meet the most basic of mandatory requirements (incorrect and false vehicle details, missing safety and emissions equipment, speedometer not in KPH, DIY seat belts and anchorages...). Yesterday's substandard approval doesn't mandate tomorrow's successful inspection. Caveat emptor!

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