

## **Remembering the classic Mini of Mr. Bean after 30 years of the premiere of the comic series.**

On January 1, 1990, the world met Mr. Bean, and with him his charming black-bonneted yellow classic Mini.

**Munich.** The classic Mini Mark III, today part of the collection of BMW Group Classic, conspicuous not just because of its vibrant 'Citron' yellow paintwork but also because of its colourful TV history. It is one of the classic Minis driven by actor and car enthusiast Rowan Atkinson in his role as Mr. Bean in the British comedy series of the same name.

The participating Mini was built in 1974, but it wasn't until the 1990s it became famous as a central character in the Mr. Bean series. A total of 14 episodes of the series were filmed between 1989 and 1995, in which the character played by Atkinson had several comic adventures and near misses behind the wheel of his distinctive black-bonneted yellow Mini.

The car, which is one of the few Minis featured in the series to survive the on-screen antics, is powered by a 4-cylinder, 1.0 litre engine with an output of just 27 kW or 34 bhp. During its TV career it also had a detachable steering wheel and a padlock, vital to Mr. Bean in ensuring that he never became separated from his favourite four-wheeled friend.

Today, and after more than 60 years of existence of the MINI brand, hundreds of stories are lived around the world on and off the screen next to a MINI.

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