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MG ZT-T 260

The MG Rover car company was sold by BMW to a British consortium in 2000. This, the last domestically owned mass-production car manufacturer in England, never turned a profit and went out of business in 2005.

Built on the same chassis, the MG ZT/Rover 75 were front wheel drive cars utilizing either an inline 4 or V6 engine and came as either a sedan (ZT) or touring (ZT-T) model. In order to be more competitive with the German manufacturers, MG decided to build a higher performance model. The car seen here was the prototype and test mule for that series.

The car was first sent to English race car fabricator Pro Drive, who converted it to rear-wheel drive and upgraded the suspension, brakes, wheels and tires. It was next sent to Roush Industries in Michigan who engineered the installation of a 4.6 liter, 260 HP Mustang GT engine and Tremec 5-speed manual transmission.

Only 75 of the ZT-T 260 cars were manufactured and this one is the only one in the USA

An interesting car and story found at trip to Wakins Glen for Vintage Racing weekend.