

## FERRET SCOUT CAR

Est 1981



- YEAR: Daimler 1957
- MODEL: Mark 2 - 4x4 - FV701E
- Serial Number: 3592 - 40390E
- COUNTRY: Britain
- ENGINE: Rolls Royce B60 Mk 6A 6 Cyl, 129HP Petrol
- ITEM NUMBER: 124
- DONATED BY: Mr Jim Richies

This was used as a road/cross country armoured reconnaissance vehicle. It is a 4 Wheel Drive, powered by a fully waterproof, 6 cylinder Rolls Royce engine and has a top speed of approximately 55mph (88kph) in forward or reverse - Amphibious - fording depth 3-6 feet. In general terms the most successful wheeled armoured vehicles have been purpose-designed and the lightest, commensurate with their mission, being at the least disadvantage in relation to tracked vehicles in terms of ground pressure, which largely governs off-road performance.

Mark 1 and Mark 2 Ferrets were used by Australian Military forces from 1953 to 1970, at which time Australian military forces disposed of them at public auction.

A total of 4,409 Ferrets, including 16 sub-models under various Mark numbers, were manufactured between 1952 and 1962, when production ceased. It is possible to upgrade the engine using the more powerful FB60 version from the Austin Princess 4-Litre-R; this upgrade providing a 55bhp gain over the standard B60 engine.

The crew consisted of a Commander (Gunner) and a Driver. The main turret gun was a .30 Browning Machine Gun with a 9mm Carbine Machine Sten Mark 3 and a 303 Machine Bren located inside the Ferret.

