

Harold McCarthy's JBA with a few details

The JBA had its genesis in the late nineteen-seventies when three British Leyland designer/engineers, Ken Jones, John Barlow and Dave Ashley set up "JBA Engineering", left Leyland, and embarked on the task of designing and marketing an affordable but stylish kit car in the classic tradition of the nineteen-thirties.

The first car, the "JBA Javelin" hit the market in 1982, closely followed by the "JBA Falcon".

The latter has been in continuous production ever since. Mks I and II were solely Ford Cortina based. The Mk III (1994) gave the option of Sierra running gear and motor and fastest models (Mk IV 1996 onwards) include 2+2 configuration and are increasingly being powered by Fiat 2lt. DOHC motors. At least one example employs a Rover V8.

There are currently 10 examples of the Marque in New Zealand, all of which are the earlier Mk III version (Cortina donor).

CHASSIS: Steel Cruciform

SUSPENSION: Mk IV Cortina

MOTOR: Ford Crossflow 2lt.

BODY: G.R.P. and aluminium

CURB WEIGHT: 81 5kg.

