

## Mazda Overview:

After spending a majority of it's life in Port Augusta, South Australia, this rare Mazda B1600 ute was found at the rear of a fire damaged property. After being saved the little ute is now available for the next chapter to be written, with a lot of scope on offer for restoration, rat rod use or modification with US inspired rotary engine conversion.

Mazda had hit the ground running when they launched their brand in Australia, and had been building upon their solid reputation of the back of vehicles like their extensive sedan passenger based range. As they moved into the commercial vehicles, they began to directly come into competition with the likes of Toyota, Ford and Holden with their full sized models who dominated the local market.

Mazda needed a vehicle that competed in the technology and styling stakes, and used the striking B-series platform with American styling to rack up the sales. Offered as an economical alternative to full size utes, but capable of carrying a decent payload, the B1600 soon garnered a reputation for being rugged, reliable and utilitarian.

This particular B1600 is a true survivor, and retains all the 70s charm it was built with. At some stage during it's life, the orientation towards modern rims was effected, and the floor shift gearbox also indicates updates have occurred in that department as well (factory column change gearbox is included in the sale). The exterior is well weathered, but it's all there – minus the front window screen. Inside everything appears to be still intact, and ready and waiting for a renovation or resurrection to occur.

Japanese early 70's vehicles are super hot right now, and utes especially are soaring in popularity. Now is a great time to add one to your investment portfolio, and they don't come better and more affordable than this B1600.

Full restoration is required, with the vehicle currently in a complete rolling state.