

# Look Familiar? The Datsun Fairlady SP310 & SR311

Paul Lester brought this car to *Can-Am Connection's* attention.

This is the Datsun Fairlady 1500 SP310 1962-1964. The SP310 originally had a 1488 cc 75 hp 4 cyl. G series engine with a single Hitachi SU carb. Most have the 1488 cc 85 hp 4 cyl. G engine with twin Hitachi SU carbs. The 62-64 model is the 3 seater model, with a third seat mounted sideways behind the driver (on RHD cars). It has 13 inch wheels with drum brakes on all 4 wheels. As with the SP311 and the 2000 cc SR311 (bottom picture), the SP310 has double wishbone independent front suspension with telescopic shock absorbers, cam and lever steering, leaf spring rear suspension, a 4 speed gearbox with synchros on 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and a huge cross-braced separate chassis.

There are certainly hints of MGB, Sunbeam Alpine and Triumph TR4 here but the production timing of the British and Japanese cars seems to rule out any copying by any company. Let's put it down to contemporary styling.

By the way, that top doesn't look any easier to put up than that of an MGB!

