

# MGs In The Movies - Marilyn Monroe's MG Sells for \$210,000+

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On some of the MG websites around, there are some notes about the recent Marilyn Monroe movie, "*My Week With Marilyn*". In the movie there are scenes with an early MG TD. Well it just so happens that Marilyn Monroe may have actually owned a 1952 MG TD in real life. It was used in the movie "*Monkey Business*" where she co-starred with Cary Grant. It is unclear whether the car was owned by Ms. Monroe or by Twentieth Century Fox and made available for her personal use. It is the only known film-used Marilyn Monroe car.



The Profiles In History auction house conducted an auction of Debbie Reynolds's collection of movie memorabilia on June 18, 2011. Debbie Reynolds was a passionate and avid collector of movie costumes, props and memorabilia. The Marilyn Monroe MG TD was Lot #286. According to the [auction catalog](#):

"This car was acquired by Debbie Reynolds directly from Twentieth Century Fox during the "pre-sale" when she bought all of the Marilyn Monroe wardrobe from the studio prior to the auction in 1971. It was bought in running condition and was placed in storage until Debbie's daughter, Carrie Fisher, took a shinning to it when she started to drive (ca. 1974). Unfortunately, Carrie never really mastered the manual transmission and Debbie took the keys away to avoid impending disaster, and the car was placed back in storage where it has remained ever since. In 2011 the engine and transmission were rebuilt and the car has been rejuvenated with new chrome and remains in nice running condition. The car has its original paint which exhibits light scratches in areas. The dent in the radiator, occurring from Cary Grant crashing in the fence in the film, was kept in its original condition."



This is the link to the [movie clip](#) segment of the actors driving in the car and crashing into a fence.

Auction estimates placed the final value between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The final auction sale price was \$210,000, plus \$48,300 buyers premium, plus taxes and fees.