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# 1956 SERIES I LAND ROVER RARE NEW ZEALAND STATION WAGON

In April 1954, Rover introduced the 86-Inch Station Wagon with an all-metal 7-seat body - stronger and cheaper than the earlier Tickford model. It featured Alpine lights, a hinged rear door, inward-facing rear seats with deluxe trim from the 107-Inch pickup, 'Station Wagon' 4-wheel-drive badges, and from 1956, flashing turn signals.

Originally imported to New Zealand from Australia in 1956 as a right-hand drive Export CKD, it was subsequently bought privately through newspaper classifieds.

According to *The Complete Catalogue of the Land Rover* by James Taylor, the 86-inch Station Wagons were built in very limited numbers - including CKD units, likely fewer than 1,000 over just two years - making this 1956 Land Rover a particularly rare example.

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Series Land Rovers  
fresh to the European market,  
part of a rare 12 vehicle collection.*





## OVERVIEW

There is minor damage to the upper left front wing, and a replacement chassis and bulkhead will likely be needed. The steel grille and Lucas headlamps are included but need refitting; one sidelight is missing, though both rear Lucas lenses are intact.

The rear mudflaps need replacing, and the rims, fitted with period-correct Dunlop and Bridgestone tyres, would benefit from refurbishment - making it an excellent restoration project for a new keeper.

The dashboard has surface rust and needs repainting, while the original three-spoke banjo steering wheel has a stitched-on cover. Supplied with one ignition key. The front door soundproofing needs replacement, and although the seat frames are intact, all seats require new upholstery.

Badged as a 'Four Wheel Drive Station Wagon' - this rare 1956 86-Inch model is one of fewer than 1,000 believed to have been produced. It still retains its original 52 hp 1997cc engine, though a full rebuild is needed. With the radiator and some ancillaries missing, minor bodywork repairs required, and a replacement chassis and bulkhead necessary, it presents an excellent opportunity for a new owner to carry out a sympathetic restoration.

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### 1956 Land Rover Series I 86-Inch Station Wagon - Key Features

**Original Details:** Safari roof painted in the original ivory. 'Alpine Lights' and hinged rear door

**Lighting:** Flashing turn signals factory fitted from 1956

**Glass:** 'Alpine lights' - roof mounted factory fitted windows

**Seating:** The Station Wagon seats seven, with three spade seats in front and four inward-facing seats in the rear

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**Model:** Land Rover Series I 86-Inch RHD Export (CKD) Station Wagon

**Date Built:** 1956

**Colour:** Dove Grey

**Chassis No.:** 176601714

**Engine:** 1997cc 4-cylinder 52 hp

**Engine No.:** 170610044

**Mileage:** 37,238

**Documentation:** British Motor Industry Heritage Trust - certified copy of a factory record

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